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AND I'LL DO IT!"**

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ALBANO**



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OF LUST AND BEAUTY**

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THE BROKEN  
PROMISE OF  
GREATNESS**

*Sir Oliver  
Humperdink-*  
**TOO BAD TO  
STAY GOOD**





# We will guide into your own

## ● While keeping your You can build a

### *A true story*



**S**OME YEARS AGO I was a printer in a small Michigan town. I drew a pretty fair pay check but it wouldn't stretch far enough to provide the kind of living I wanted for my wife and five children.

Then one day I was reading a magazine just as you now are and I saw an ad. It intrigued me. It offered me the steadily growing income I had always hoped for. It said I would have greater security and personal independence...and that's what I had been wanting.

I was a little skeptical but I said to myself, "for a postage stamp I can find out." So I mailed the coupon. In a few days, I got a letter with a booklet that gave the whole story. It opened my eyes. I could see why owning my own business was so much easier than I had always thought...why the day to day guidance of a successful

worldwide organization could assure my own success.

I read the booklet several times. It just seemed too good to be true. I talked it over with my wife. We decided that now was the time to make the forward step...there was no reason to keep postponing an income increase.

So, I applied for a Duraclean dealership and I was accepted. I stayed with my job...ran a few ads...sent some mailings...contacted a few stores and told my friends about the superior services I was now equipped to give them. Evenings and Saturdays, I rendered the service. As the business grew, I added servicemen.

I found that I didn't have to develop a single idea myself. Every step has been prepared for me and pre-tested. Hundreds of other men had already proven my methods successful.

It didn't take long to see that I was making three to four times (yes, 3 to 4 times) as much per hour in my own business as in my printing job. So, after only seven months with a good following of customers, I quit my job to go full time on my own. In the meantime, I had enjoyed all this extra income on top of my salary.

Each day, we realized what a serious mistake not mailing that coupon would have been...and how that little act that seemed so trivial at the time actually changed our lives.

The steadily growing income brought us many things we could not afford before. My efforts were so much more productive. I scheduled my time to my own liking. When we wanted a day or two off, we took it. I worked hard but, if I wanted to be home early or quit at noon, I did.

I became so enthusiastic about this business and so appreciative of what it has brought my family that, whenever a man opened a dealership near me, I helped him get a quick start.

The company learned about this and had each new dealer in my section of Michigan spend a day with me. One day the president of Duraclean Company asked me how I would like to move to Headquarters and spend my entire time helping dealers to increase their sales and profits.

That was good news to my ears. Since then I have worked with hundreds of our dealers in their own towns and at regional meetings, conventions and dealer group meetings, and by letter and telephone. All the top officers here take an interest in each dealer's success.

# you step by step thriving business

## present job, profitable business

by Bob Ferrel

Incidentally I sold my dealership at a good profit. Many dealers sell their dealerships for several times their cost. If for any reason a dealer wants to sell, we maintain a service to help him sell.

Our job here at headquarters is to show each individual Duraclean dealer how to use his own abilities to bring him greatest success. I know hundreds of our dealers on a first name basis. We work together as one happy family. If you become a Duraclean dealer, we are as close to you as your telephone or mail box.

## It's Easier Than You Think To Build Your Own Business

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The 24 page illustrated booklet we'll mail you (with no obligation) explains how most of your gross profit becomes **clear net profit**. Your income limited only by the number of servicemen you employ.

You can operate from a shop, office, or your home. Equipment is light and portable.

At the start, you may want to render service yourself...or you can start with full or part time servicemen. This business is easy to learn...easy to start. We prefer you have no experience...not have to "un-learn" old ways.

Duraclean is enlarging this worldwide system of individually-owned service businesses. If you are reliable, honest and willing to work to become financially independent, we invite you to mail the coupon.

When you receive our illustrated booklet, you will see how you are guided **step by step** to quickly get customers...and still more customers from their recommendations.

You have 7 superior services that are rendered "on location" in homes, offices, hotels, theaters, clubs, motels and institutions.

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Does this appeal to you? Don't decide now. Mail the coupon so you'll have the facts to decide wisely. There is no obligation. You'll then know whether this is what you want.

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You don't experiment. You use **tested, proven methods**.

Government figures show service businesses are **growing faster** than industries and stores...\$750 million yearly potential just in rug and furniture cleaning. Your **6 other services** are explained in the free booklet we'll mail you.

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# OFFICIAL WRESTLING RATINGS

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

Champion: BOB BACKLUND

- 1—STAN HANSEN
- 2—KING KONG MOSCA
- 3—PEDRO MORALES
- 4—MAGNIFICENT MURACO
- 5—SGT. SLAUGHTER
- 6—MIL MASCARAS
- 7—PAT PATTERSON
- 8—RICK MARTEL
- 9—KILLER KHAN
- 10—TONY GAREA

## AMERICAN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

Champion: VERNE GAGNE

- 1—NICK BOCKWINKEL
- 2—JOHN STUDD
- 3—CRUSHER BLACKWELL
- 4—DINO BRAVO
- 5—BILLY ROBINSON
- 6—JIM BRUNZELL
- 7—BARON VON RASCHKE
- 8—TITO SANTANA
- 9—GREG GAGNE
- 10—MAD DOG VACHON

## MOST POPULAR

- 1—ANDRE THE GIANT
- 2—BRUNO SAMMARTINO
- 3—DUSTY RHODES
- 4—MIL MASCARAS
- 5—BOB BACKLUND
- 6—RICK STEAMBOAT
- 7—PEDRO MORALES
- 8—IVAN PUTSKI
- 9—JUNKYARD DOG
- 10—DINO BRAVO



PEDRO MORALES



TONY ATLAS



CRUSHER BLACKWELL



ANDRE THE GIANT

## NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

Champion: HARLEY RACE

- 1—RODDY PIPER
- 2—TED DiBIASE
- 3—RICK STEAMBOAT
- 4—TONY ATLAS
- 5—BARRY WINDHAM
- 6—SWEET BROWN SUGAR
- 7—MR. WRESTLING II
- 8—DUSTY RHODES
- 9—LES THORNTON
- 10—KERRY VON ERICH

## TAG TEAMS

- 1—IVAN KOLOFF & RAY STEVENS
- 2—THE MOONDOGS
- 3—JESSE VENTURA & ADRIAN ADONIS
- 4—THE FABULOUS FREEBIRDS
- 5—THE ASSASSINS
- 6—MR. FUJI & TENRU
- 7—TONY GAREA & RICK MARTEL
- 8—PAUL JONES & MASKED SUPERSTAR
- 9—GREG GAGNE & JIM BRUNZELL
- 10—DAVID & KEVIN VON ERICH

## MOST HATED

- 1—STAN HANSEN
- 2—SGT. SLAUGHTER
- 3—KILLER KHAN
- 4—GREG VALENTINE
- 5—MASKED GRAPPLER
- 6—KEN PATERA
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"Bruiser and I understand each other," explained Kerry. "We complement each other really well. Whatever area I might still be weak in, Bruiser



**KERRY VON ERICH**

compensates for, and vice versa. So together we do real well."

"Kerry's a tough kid, a tough cookie, he's one of a kind, and  
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Never before in this history of wrestling journalism have so many respected reporters been involved in so important a venture. The best wrestling correspondents from all over the world have been enlisted to report on the news behind the news. Every wrestling fan must consider this the most important column he can read!





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No one knows wrestling better than the fans.

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## THE QUESTION IS:

*"Should the junior heavyweight division be given more attention?"*

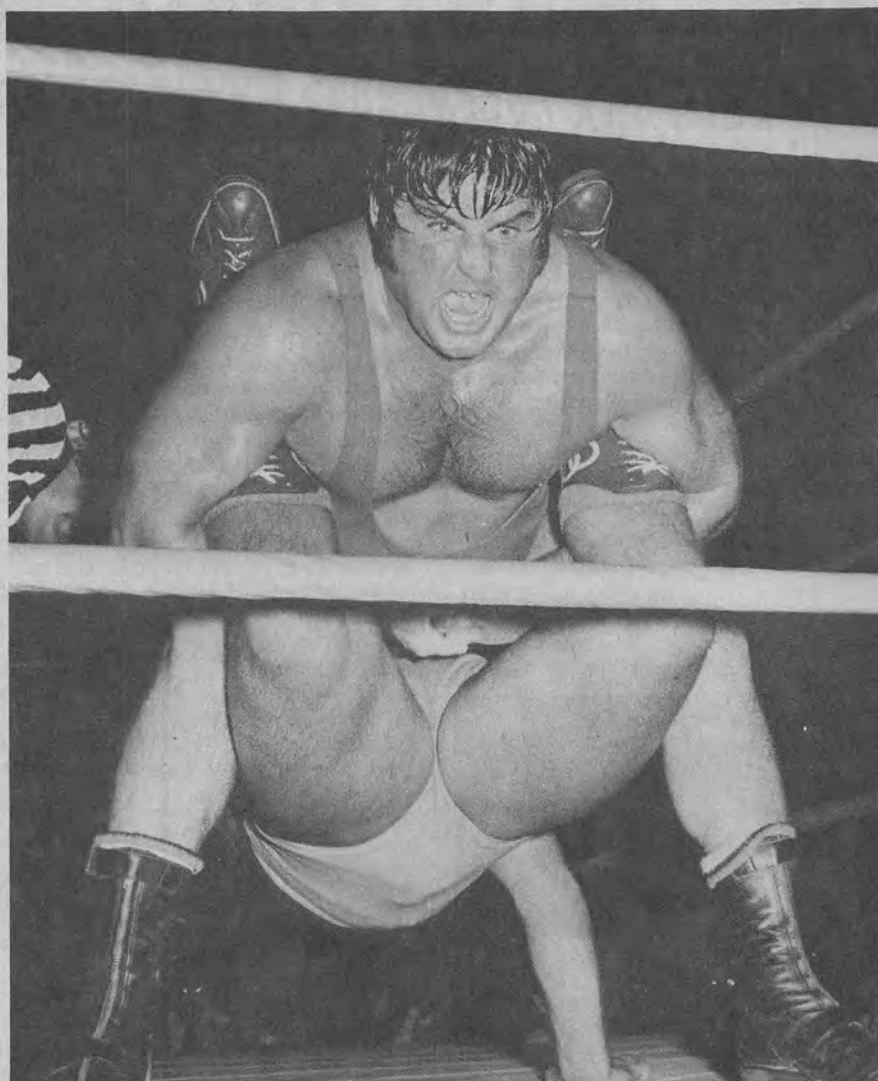
## THE ANSWERS

*Leslie Underwood, Tacoma, WA:*

"Well, I think it does serve an important function by extending the careers of many of the guys in the lighter weights, men like Mike Graham, guys who are every bit as talented as anyone in the heavier weights. Yeah, I've seen a lot of the lighter guys in the 225-pound class wrestle and I tell you, pound for pound, they're as good as, if not better than, the heavyweights."

*Nan Epstein, Queens, NY:* "Now I don't want to take anything away from someone as skilled as say, Les Thornton, but I just don't think the junior heavyweights put together as interesting matches. Most of them are really boring, mainly just doing scientific maneuvers and all. You don't see some of the real gory bloodshed that's an integral part of wrestling in the heavier weights."

*Steve Sax, Sacramento, CA:*  
"Really, who cares about those little dwarfs, anyway? You think  
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NWA Junior Heavyweight Champion Les Thornton is a skilled grappler, but, in the opinion of Nan Epstein, is not as interesting to watch as a heavyweight.



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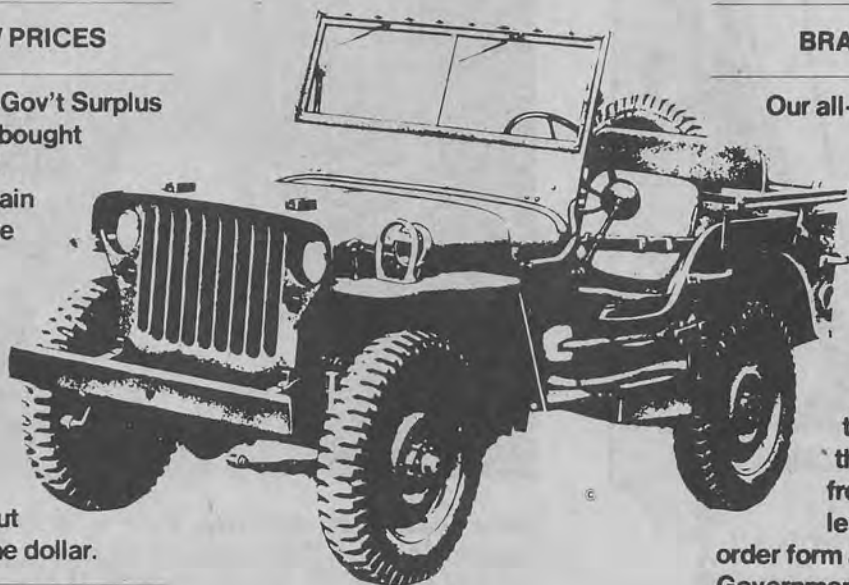
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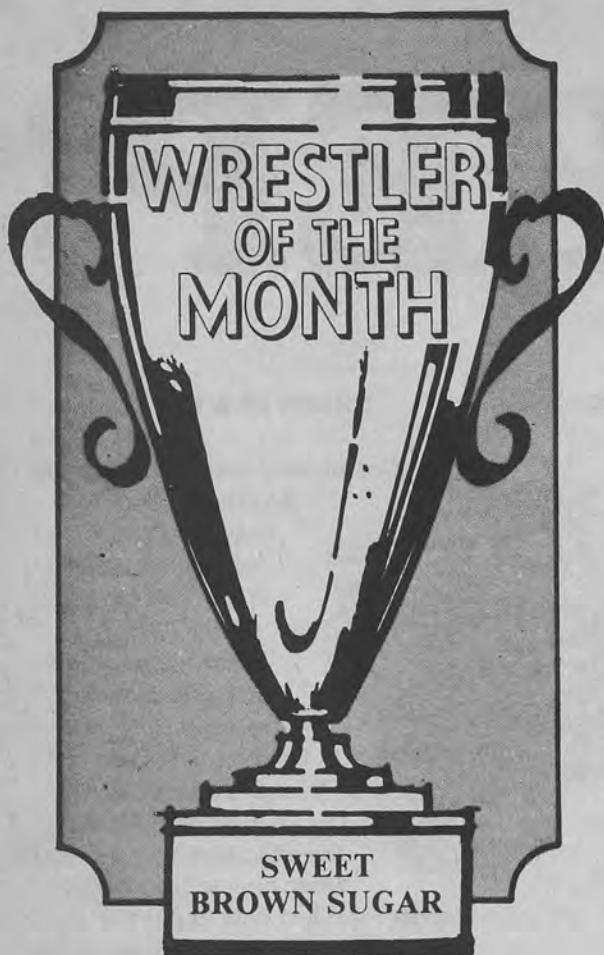
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Sugar's career has been highlighted by a graceful concern toward fans and fellow wrestlers, adherence to the rules of sportsmanship, and a dazzling wrestling repertoire highlighted by some of the most impressive aerial

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Sugar sets Assassin #1 in place with his left arm and fires a straight right to the side of his mask.

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ring and, before he can get ready, Hogan starts pounding away, thinking he's real big. Well, I'd like to tell Hulk Hogan that if he's so big, why doesn't he wrestle fairly? Know why? Because Hogan knows if he didn't cheat, Atlas would destroy him!

DON SCHAUM  
New Hyde Park, NY

## WHAT'S WITH IVAN?

Hey, what's with Ivan Koloff? Why is he constantly turning on fellow rulebreakers? First it was Ole Anderson and now it's Hussein Arab. Well, he had



Tony Atlas astounds Hulk Hogan as he presses his 320-pound frame over his head. Not long before, Hogan went out of his way to insult Tony's body and attack him before a television audience.

## BIG JERK

I was watching wrestling on Channel 9 in New York at midnight. Tony Garea had just won his match. Vince McMahon was interviewing my favorite wrestler, Tony Atlas. Atlas was posing for the audience. Then that big jerk Hulk Hogan comes

into view with that bum of a manager, Fred Blassie. Hogan says he has the best body around and starts making fun of Atlas.

Atlas retaliates and Hogan climbs into the ring, saying, "Let's settle it here and now." Atlas, not afraid, steps into the



Reader Louis Moreno points out Ivan Koloff's peculiar pattern of turning on his partners after gaining their trust.

better watch his back because Arab is just the sort of guy who'll drive a boot right through the middle of it.

I think Koloff bit off a little too much when he turned on Arab and I don't think all his "Soviet standards" are going to help him much. Just given the chance, Arab can demolish anyone and instead of being a wrestler, Koloff won't be much use to anyone, except maybe as a messenger boy for the Siberian Marines.

LOUIS MORENO  
Sunnyvale, CA

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• **MAKE TIME RUN BACKWARD OR FORWARD!**—A



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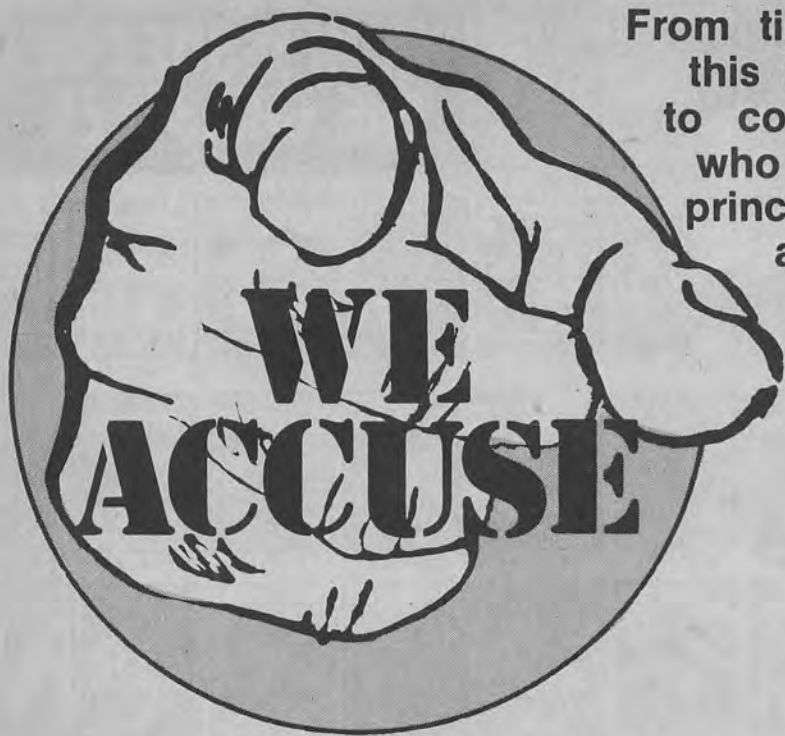
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and fans in a mad onslaught of ambition? Is wrestling too demanding, too harsh? Perhaps the glare of the public eye and the national television exposure twists and warps their minds?

Maybe there is no longer any time to be young in wrestling nowadays. As a microcosm of society, wrestling naturally follows certain societal trends. Youngsters are forced to grow up sooner and sooner, make mature, adult decisions at an earlier age. In other fields, like entertainment,

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**I**T'S HAPPENED AGAIN. Yet another talented young man has selected the easy path of senseless greed and violence to brawl his way to the top. This time, it is Kevin Sullivan.

At the onset of his career, feisty Sullivan exhibited some of the classic qualities all future stars, scientific, of course, require. Sullivan exhibited patience and loyalty, both to his peers and the fans. He worked long and hard hours in the gym perfecting his maneuvers. And he never backed down from any challenger or never shied away from a fight.

In short, Sullivan did everything except one thing: wrestle Mr. Wrestling II. And that is what Sullivan desperately wanted. He wanted to wrestle II, a friend, yet promoters saw no reason to pit these two friends against each other. Neither did II. And, after a while, neither did Sullivan.

But it gnawed at him and soon enough, Sullivan caught the fever. It goes by many names. Greed. Ambition. Frustration. And Sullivan isn't alone in contracting the disease. Tommy Rich went through it. So did Austin Idol. Even veterans like Paul Jones were

crazed from the fever.

Still, what is it about professional wrestling that compels some young men to abandon the principles and friends



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**RODDY PIPER**

"Dangerous? I have no dangers, none to fear, none to hide from, none to call a challenge. Perhaps I'd best answer this question by responding what is the most boring match. That answer is quite simple. Any match against a clod like Rick Steamboat is boring because he wrestles like a pigeon."



**ANDRE THE GIANT**

"Throughout my career, I have found that a Battle Royal is the most treacherous of all possible matches. In that sort of match, you need eyes everywhere. You can never be certain where the next attack will come from. I think it tests a wrestler's intelligence and skill to the very utmost."



**KEVIN VON ERICH**

"Really, I think any sort of handicap match. When you have to face more obstacles than your opponent's natural skills, you're walking into potential quicksand. When you're in any way restrained, by whatever the terms of the match, then you have to reach deep down and find out what kind of man you really are."

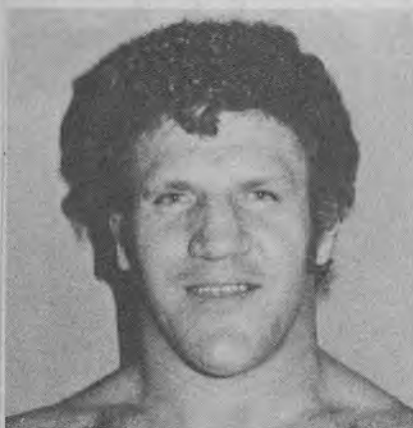


**PAUL JONES**

"Oh, I have to say a Lumberjack Match. There you got guys on all sides of the ring, you've got nowhere to hide and you've got no time to plan or even take a breather or else they'll toss you back in like a hunk of raw meat. Yes, a Lumberjack Match with the human wall is really pretty dangerous."



# RS ANSWER OF THE MONTH



## BRUNO SAMMARTINO

"You know, I have been in them all, and time and time again, I think that a Steel Cage Match gives me the most dangers. You are trapped and surrounded by metal with some lunatic who only wants to cut your heart and serve it for Sunday dinner. Doggone, nothing can be more dangerous than that."



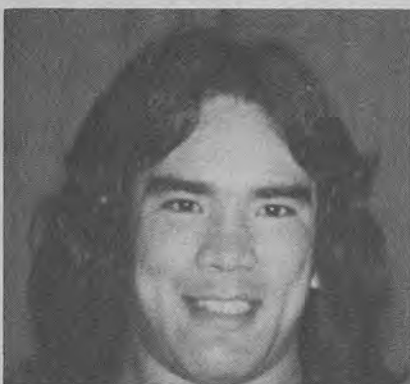
## GREG VALENTINE

"Any tag team match with a guy, a traitor, a fiend, a bum like Ric Flair. If you can find a partner worthy of yourself, then a tag team match is fine. But if you got a rulebreaker and traitor like Flair just waitin' to plunge the knife deep in and knock you off your feet, you're in a heap of trouble."



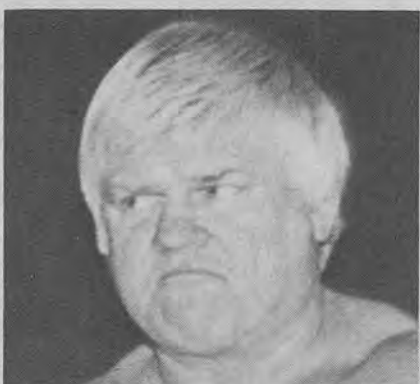
## CAPTAIN LOU ALBANO

"Anytime I have to face a man managed by Skoaland, a man schooled and versed in the mechanics of deceit, a man who has been programmed like a robot to do fat-boy Skoaland's bidding, a wrestler who will kill and maim and cripple and hurt, a wrestler who will look to hurt the Captain, then that is true danger."



## RICK STEAMBOAT

"All matches present dangers. All life is a succession of perils one must surmount and discover inner courage to conquer. Anything which evokes fear inside you is dangerous for, once you allow fear to enter, you become its slave. Only by conquering fear can one discover inner peace, courage, and victory."



## CRUSHER

"I really don't give a good damn what kinda match I'm in. I like 'em all. Don't matter to me if I got both hands tied behind my back and a forest fire eatin' at my toes, hell, you gotta go out there and just punch away and if you get your face smashed, hell, as long as the other guy's face looks worse, that's all that matters."



## DUSTY RHODES

"A Texas Death Match is the worst, meanest kinda match man has ever thought up. In that kinda match, you know you're lookin' death four-square in the eye and you damn well better come up with some kinda way out of it or you're gonna be sleepin' with the fishes and countin' daisies sure as shootin'."

# THE EVIL GENIUS OF CAPTAIN LOU ALBANO

PHOTOS BY STU SAKS & BILL APTER



**L**EAVE IT TO Captain Lou Albano to devise the most sinister, devious, frightening plot ever hatched in all the annals of wrestling history.

"Great, wasn't it?" Albano bragged.

After The Samoans lost the WWF tag team title to Tony Garea and Rick Martel, Albano was furious.

"They [The Samoans] shoulda listened to the Captain, you always listen to the Captain, the Captain knows best, knows what is wise, what is good, what is bad, no one out-thinks the Captain and wins, I have all the angles, all the trump cards, I've got five aces and three more in my pocket," roared Albano after that

disheartening defeat.

But Albano is never one to allow grass to grow beneath his feet. Even before The Samoans lost the title, Albano had brought yet another bizarre creation into the WWF.

The Moondogs. Rex and King. Human? Animal? Both? Neither?

"Does it matter what they are,

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**This man is a worldwide legend. Mention his name in any spot on the globe and a certain image hardens. It is the image of a brilliant man. It is the image of a ruthless man. It is the image of an evil genius too smart for his own good**





Above: With referee Gilberto Romano distracted, Lou Albano pounds away at Pat Patterson. Below: Patterson chases Albano away before he could help Moondog Rex, whose leg is locked up by Tony Garea. Right: The Captain runs from the ring. Bottom: Albano feels he helped soften Garea and Rick Martel for The Moondogs' next WWF title opportunity.



where they come from, where they sleep? No, it doesn't matter, I take care of them, I feed them, I buy them biscuits, I buy them meat, I built 'em a little doghouse, they like it there, they have bowls with their names on it, they can fetch, they can play dead, they can bite, they make wonderful guard-dogs, that's all I care about. That and getting back the titles from those cheaters, Martel and Garea," yelled Albano.

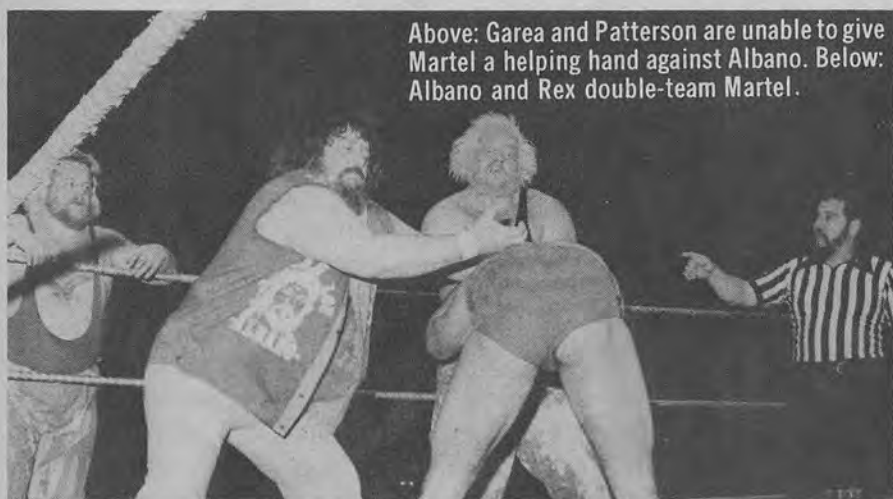
But thus far, The Moondogs have yet to fetch back the WWF championship for Albano. And for The Captain, that is strange.

"The only reason Martel and Garea are still champions is that they cheat, they bribe the refs, they bribe the timekeeper, they bribe the ring announcer, they bribe the guys who sell the hotdogs, the guys who park the cars, the guys who clean up, they bribe the writers, they buy steak dinners for the fans, I can't compete, I won't bribe, the Captain is too honest and besides, after feeding Rex and King, I can't even eat meat myself," said Albano.

Match after match, Rex and King lunged with canine ferocity upon the champions. And match after match ended in



Above: Garea and Patterson are unable to give Martel a helping hand against Albano. Below: Albano and Rex double-team Martel.



bitter disappointment for The Moondogs and their leaders.

"Don't you worry, they can keep us away for just so long, the Captain has a plan, the Captain knows what to do, the Captain is wise and powerful, no one stops the Captain for very long."

Albano's strategy was overpowering in its simplicity. He and The Moondogs would wrestle Pat Patterson, Garea, and Martel in a six-man tag team match. This way, Albano figured, he would be able to batter Garea and Martel, use his own wrestling skills to full advantage and so weaken Martel and Garea that in the next match, just the two of them against The Moondogs, the champions would be unable to fend off their animalistic

challengers.

Was Albano successful?

"I did what I had to do, I took their blows, I spit it back in their faces, I had people at ringside taking pictures, photos which will prove what I've been saying all along, that Garea and Martel and blond-boy Patterson are cheats and liars, I have the proof and soon I'll have the belts."

Albano, in his brief moments of action, displayed a physical ruthlessness not seen for quite some time.

"I wanted the world to know that Captain Louis Albano is more than a manager, more than a man, more than a mere mortal, I can do anything I want, I can run IBM, I can build a rocket ship, I can discover a cure for cancer, I can be

President, there is nothing the Captain can't do and I showed it there tonight."

Still, the match ended in The Moondogs and Albano being disqualified. Did he achieve what he set out to do? Was disqualification harmful to his master plan?

"Don't you think the Captain knows he'd be disqualified, that the refs were holding a wad of green in their palms and were ready to throw us out the minute we blinked wrong? Don't you think the Captain had it all figured out, that's why we went at them right away, we knew the refs were against us, the press is against us, the fans are against us, everyone is against us."

"But I did what I wanted. Garea and Martel can hardly walk anymore. They are finished. I gave them the beating of their lifetime, wounds they'll never forget, scars that'll never heal, nightmares for eternity. Next time they walk into the ring against Rex and King, they'll keel over and faint, lose the belts, the Captain will be number one again, and don't you ever forget that."

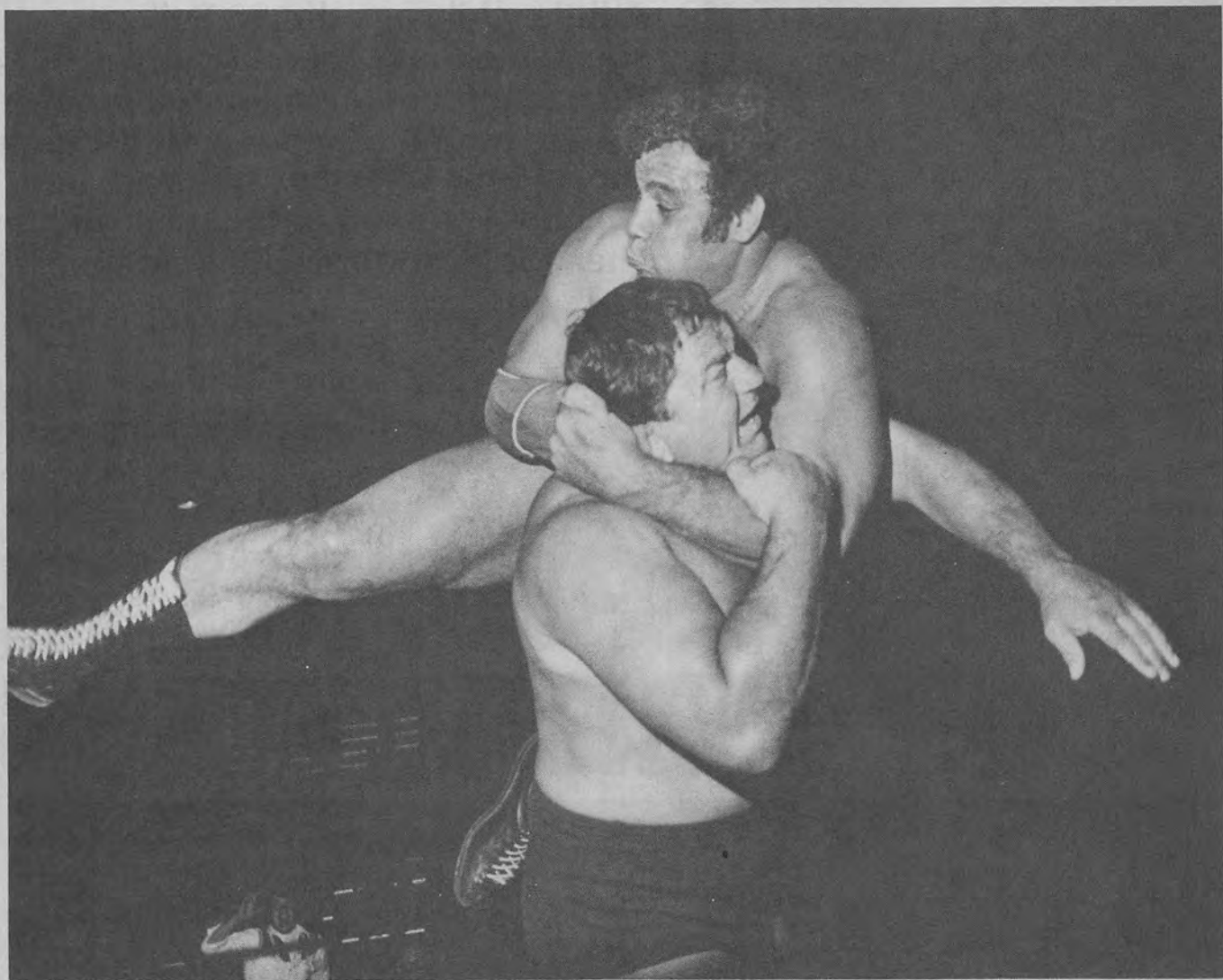
And that is why they call it the evil genius of Captain Lou Albano. □



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Is Angelo Mosca a madman or a victim and prisoner of his private fears? Is he pursued by an all-powerful tormentor? The answer could shake wrestling to its very roots!

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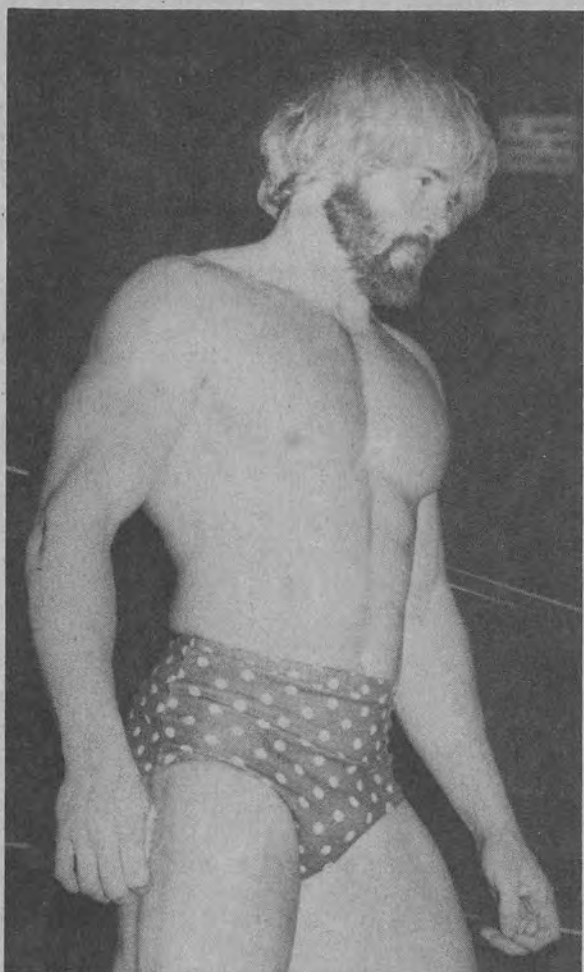
# ***THE SHADOW THAT TORMENTS ANGELO MOSCA***

**M**ANY WOULD SAY that they don't come any more hated than Angelo Mosca. Then there are many that say that they don't come any tougher than

Mosca. Whatever the case may be, no one doubts that the man is a legitimate championship contender wherever he wrestles. This has always been true.

Mosca, a bulldog of a man, has wrestled in diverse locations such as Canada, Georgia, and the Mid-Atlantic area. He has held

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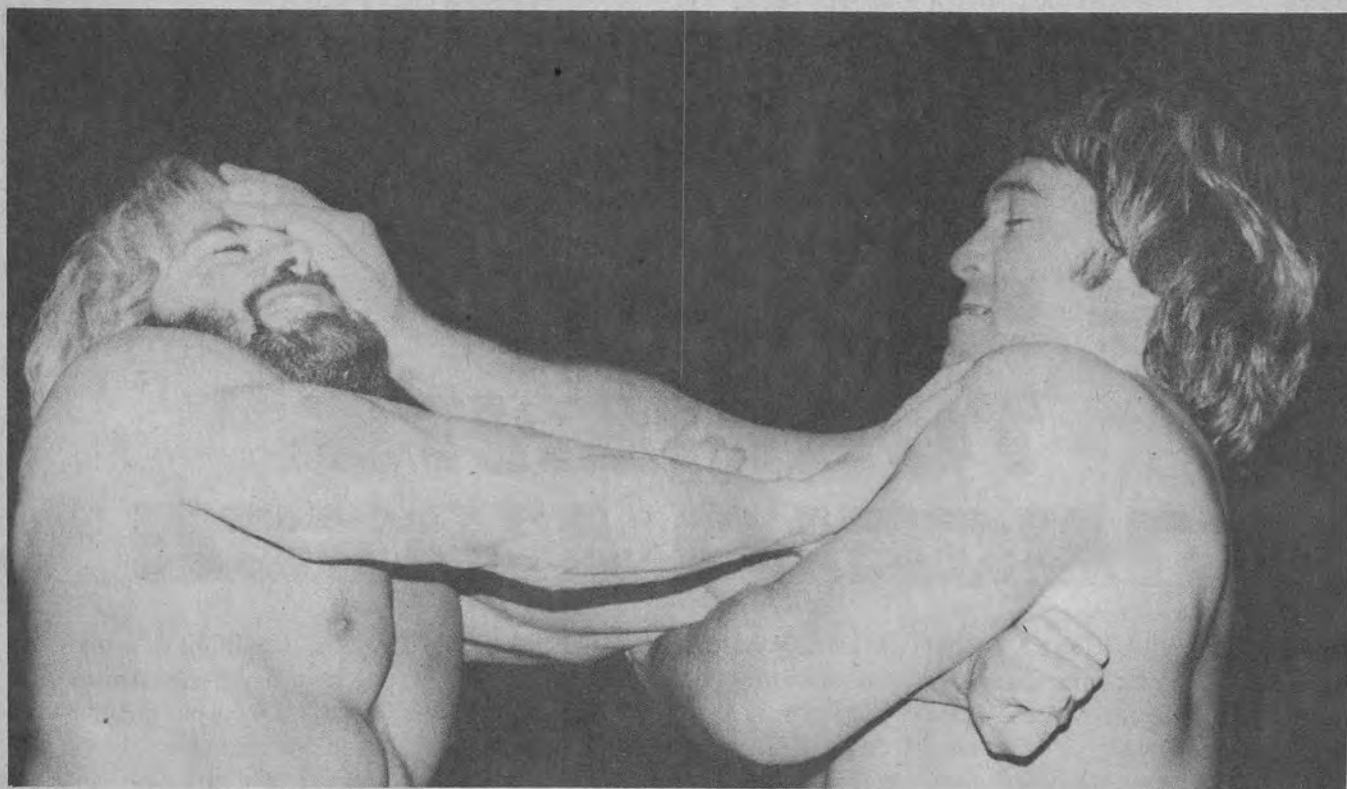


# KEVIN SULLIVAN:

A little while ago, Kevin Sullivan seemed to have the world at his feet. He had a future of unlimited promise. He was touted as one of the coming superstars. Wrestlers praised him, opponents feared him, fans loved him. Then, Sullivan threw it all away

## THE BROKEN PROMISE OF GREATNESS

PHOTOS BY BILL APTER





**W**HEN KEVIN SULLIVAN first broke into professional wrestling, he kept an immense catalogue of notes. Attached to these notes was the standard scrapbook, a prerequisite for any aspiring young wrestler intent on keeping track of himself. Additionally, Sullivan saved all the letters from various wrestlers eager to help him. He even had several cassettes sent by scientific wrestlers determined to ensure *this* youngster made it.

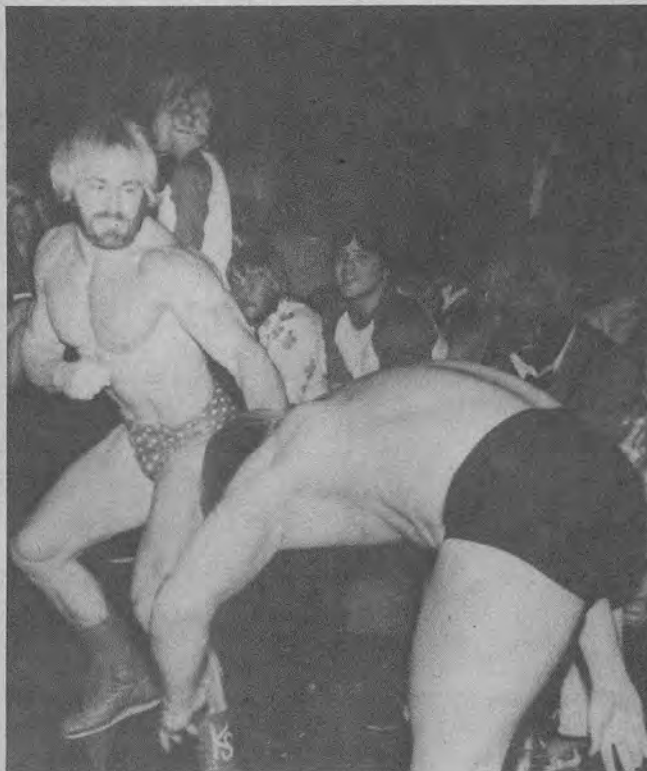
Sullivan was armed with all the tools of stardom: talent, drive, physical size, and speed. He had the proper temperament, a feisty ambition explosive enough to keep him going in the darker moments, controllable enough so he wouldn't fly out of orbit.

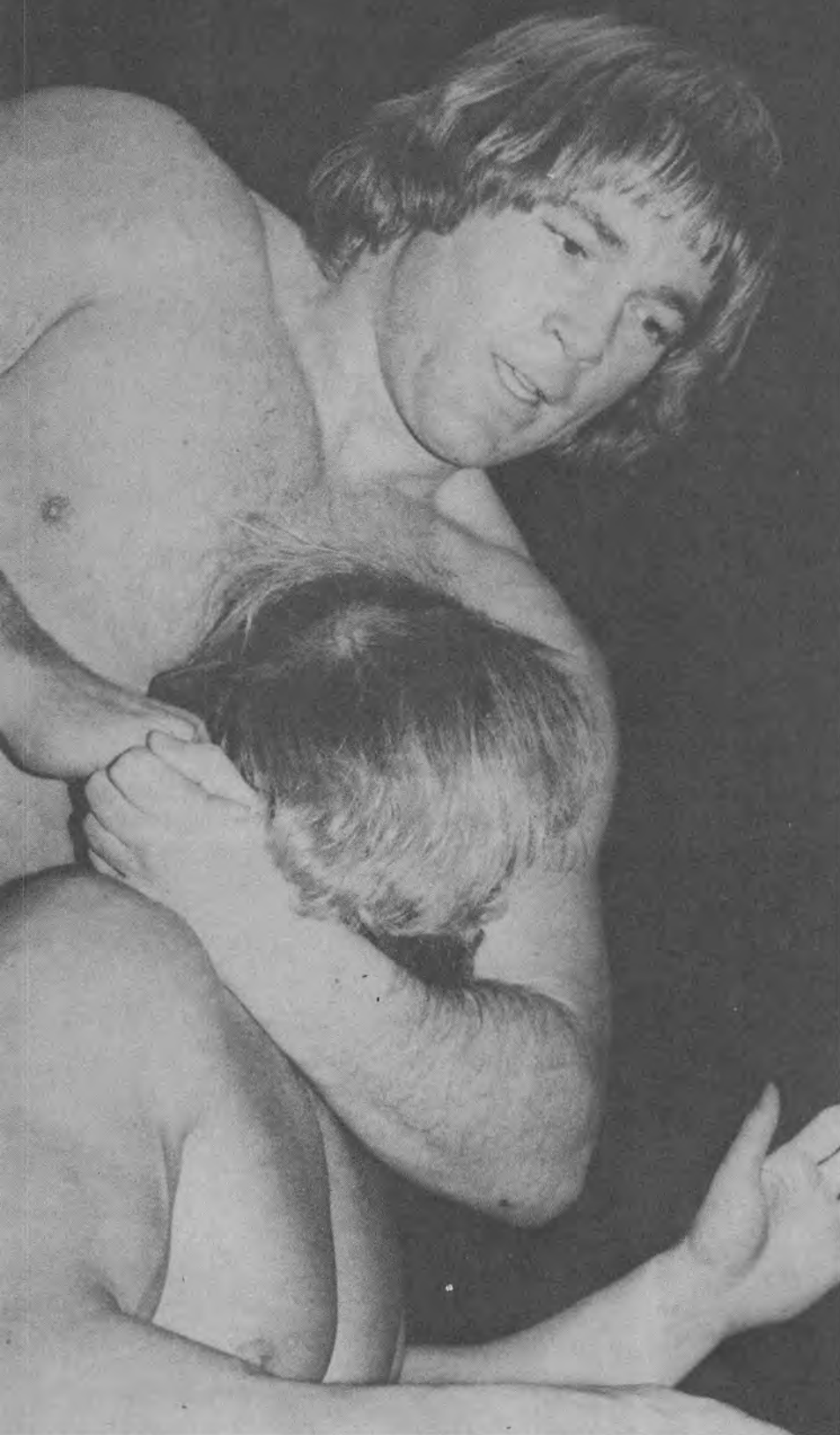
So what happened? Why did Kevin Sullivan turn bad? Was his case unique or indistinguishable from other sad tales of talented youngsters led astray by outside influences.

"I honestly don't know," said Mr. Wrestling II, shaking his



True, Kevin Sullivan may yet achieve greatness. But now he must do it without the love of the fans and the respect of the wrestlers who gave him his start. And he might eventually find that a large price to pay. Sullivan has no qualms about battering his former friend Steve Keirn outside the confines of the ring (above and below).





While saddened at the loss of one of his best friends, Steve Keirn (headlocking Sullivan, above) says he would be foolish to allow his emotions to control him in the ring. That, he believes, would give Sullivan just the advantage he is looking for.

head sadly. "He could have been something special, heck he was something special. You know, I remember one time down in the gym, now a bunch of us were working out, some were intent, others in the final stages, you know the kinda atmosphere I'm talking about.

"Anyway, this must've been just after the kid came into Georgia, I don't know, maybe a couple or few months, anyway, that's not the point. Sullivan's in the ring, working out, all by himself. Now you have to really picture this. He's going through all his maneuvers alone!

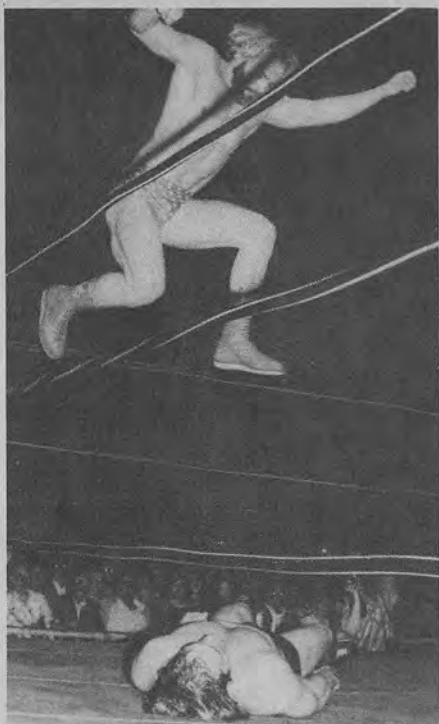
"Usually there'll be someone in there with you, heck, you need someone to bounce off of, to give you the right kind of perspective. Not Sullivan. He's actually wrestling himself. The whole gym kinda slows down, everyone pauses to watch him work out. It was the most phenomenal thing I'd ever seen. Inside of five minutes, the whole gym just stood and stared at the kid, amazed by his energy and determination. Once he finished, Sullivan looked around and saw everyone staring. Then the whole blasted gym exploded into applause and whoops and the likes of which I've never seen in all my years of wrestling.

"Well, it was just like the kid to blush and stammer and kinda drag himself out, overwhelmed by embarrassment. That's the kind of nice kid he was. But no more. Now . . ." Again II shook his masked head.

Sullivan's infatuation with training leads some observers to wonder whether he'd gone a bit too far. From a skilled kid with a smidgen of baby fat, Sullivan built himself up, with weights, into a massive, muscular structure.

"That's why I don't especially care for weightlifting," said II. "Few guys, maybe Tony Atlas is





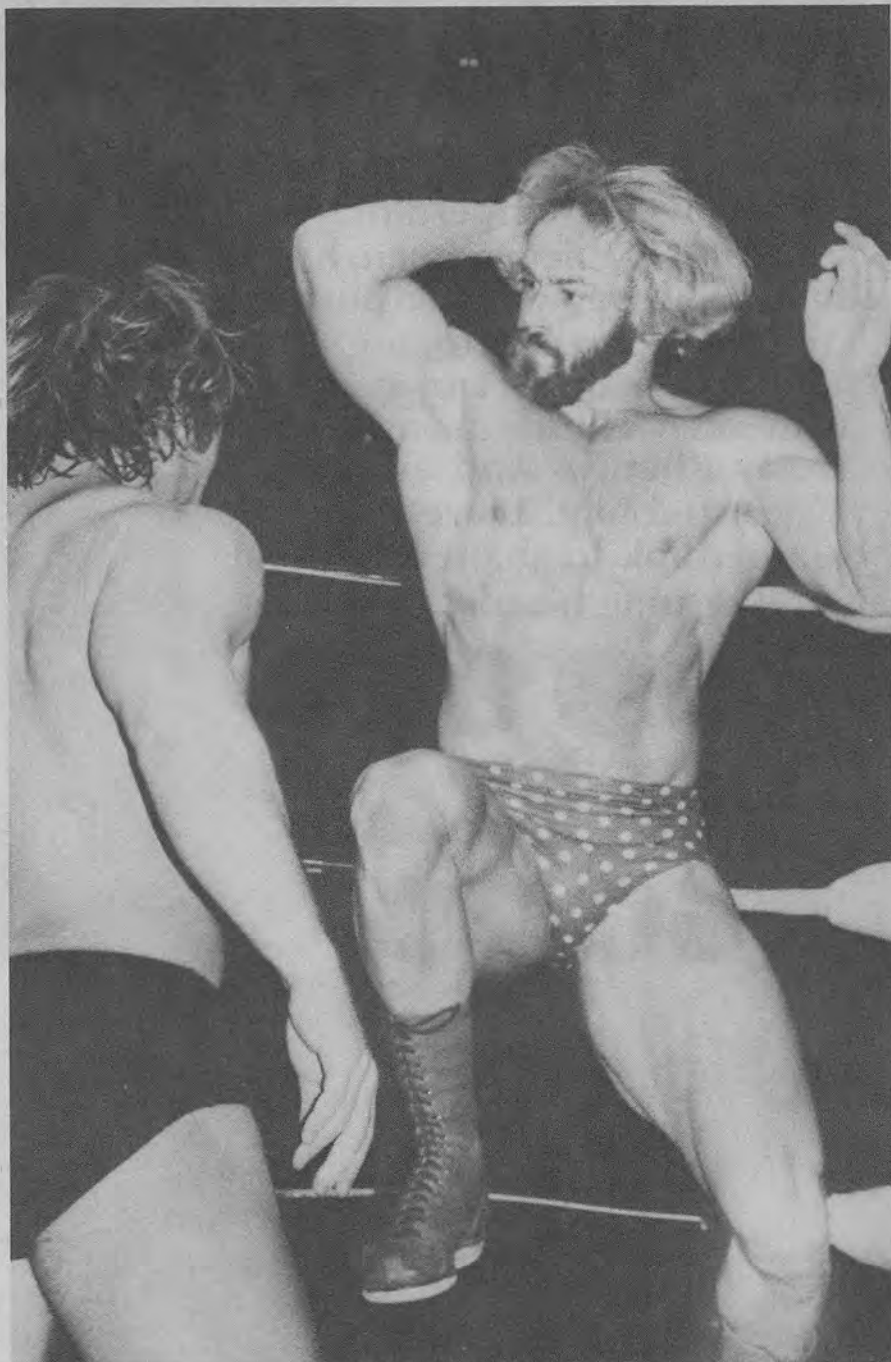
one of them, can look at it simply as just pumping iron. A lot of guys get so taken with what they suddenly look like that they get swelled heads, think they're bigger than life and their personalities change.

"I think that might've happened with Sullivan. He got a huge ego and then he couldn't handle the ego. He started looking down on people and then one thing built into another and before you knew it he was mouthing the rule-breaker line and forgetting about all his friends and the fans.

"And then one morning it was no longer just a new Kevin Sullivan, physically, but a new Kevin Sullivan, mentally," concluded II.

Not only has Sullivan vowed all-out war on II, but he's also threatened to destroy Steve Keirn.

"Afraid? Nah, why should I be afraid?" asked Keirn. "I've handled these big-mouths before, these wise-guys who think they can waltz right in, shoot off their big traps, and then you're supposed to faint with fear.



Sullivan leaps knee-first from the top turnbuckle upon a prone Keirn (top left). Mr. Wrestling II firmly believes that Sullivan's new-found muscular physique (as displayed during an elbows mash, above) has given him an ego problem.

"Nah, even though we used to be pals, I don't let that stand in the way. Hurt? Yeah, maybe a little, but if it doesn't hurt Sullivan to try and beat up on me and II, then why should we feel bad for him? Nope, once you start feeling sorry for guys like that, they've got you by the throat.

"You've got to deal with men like Sullivan as just another lunatic, same way you'd deal

with Stomper or Michael Hayes," said Keirn.

Sullivan smirks at all the controversy he's caused.

"Care? Should I care about a jealous creep like Keirn or an old bum like II? The hell I should! I watch my own rear 'cause no one else will, that's for sure," said Sullivan.

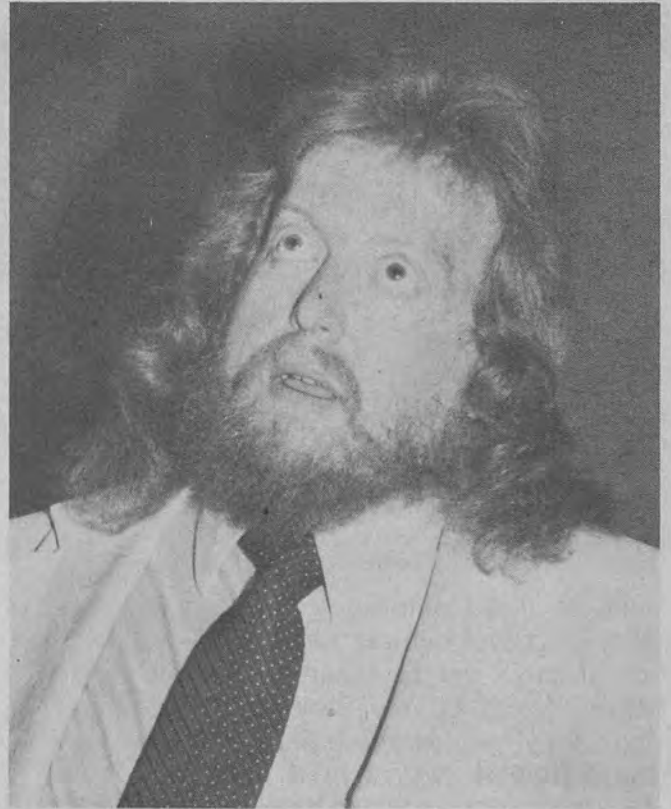
II just sighs.

"He coulda been something," said II. "Instead he's a bum." □

# ***Sir Oliver Humperdink-***

It was too good to be true. Sir Oliver Humperdink, an incomparable madman, has admitted he was wrong in pursuing the ways of rulebreaking. He wanted to manage and associate with such Florida favorites as Dusty Rhodes. And everyone trusted him. Leave it to Humperdink to shatter the trust and resume his old, evil ways

**TOO BAD  
TO STAY  
GOOD**







**I**S ANYONE OUT in wrestling land really surprised about Sir Oliver Humperdink's treachery? Did anyone really and truly believe that madman would stay within the law for very long?

"I did," remarked Dusty Rhodes.

If any one person in the sport has ample reason to be furious at Humperdink, it is Rhodes. For The American Dream was betrayed in a manner so unspeakable, so shameful, it earns Humperdink a deserving niche in the Traitors' Hall of Fame.

To fully appreciate Humperdink's loathsome behavior, one must backtrack to the origin of Humperdink's so-called alliance with the forces of good in Florida.

When Ivan Koloff, now NWA tag team champ with Ray Stevens, wrestled in Florida, he was managed by Humperdink. One critical match between Koloff and Rhodes catapulted

Humperdink into the scientific wrestling world.

This match was called a valet match. If Koloff lost, as he did, Humperdink would be obligated to serve as Dusty Rhodes' valet for 30 days. Few expected Humperdink to obey the law. Many were shocked.

"I never thought he'd go through with it," said Rhodes.

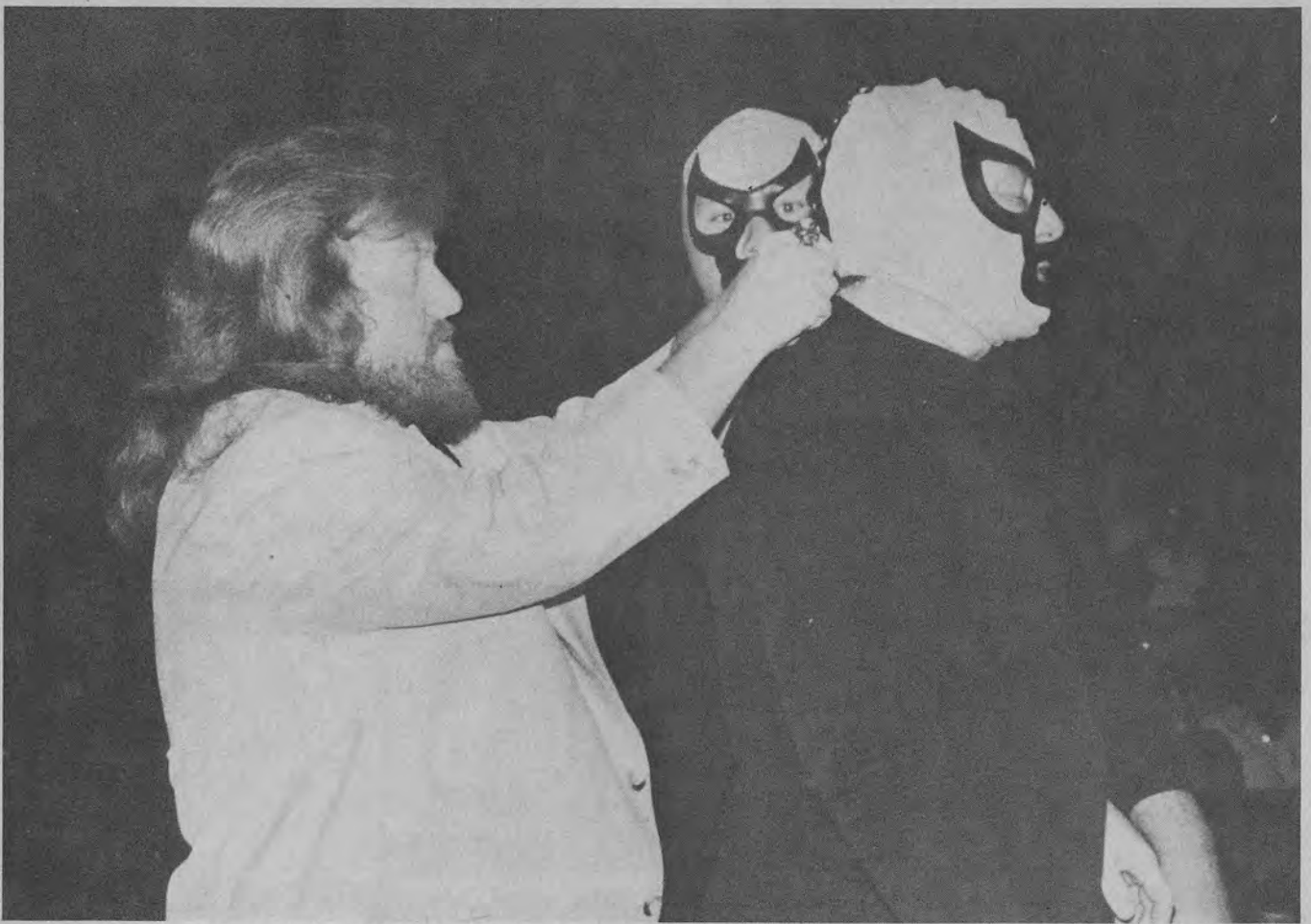
For 30 days, Humperdink acted as Rhodes' valet, living in the Dream's mansion, ironing his clothes, making him meals, vacuuming the living room. For 30 days. At the end of this trial, Humperdink again shocked the world.

"I'm turning over a new leaf," said Humperdink. "No more bad guys for me. I'm gonna follow the rules, I'm gonna form a family and turn back that British swine Lord Al Hays."

And for a while, Humperdink did confront the Hays Army,

Sir Oliver Humperdink accompanies his Masked Assassins to the ring for #1's match with Sweet Brown Sugar (above). Oliver looks for the appropriate time to illegally send #3 into the ring as #1's replacement.





Oliver makes sure his wrestler's mask is securely in place (above). Humperdink and Assassin #3 carefully study the proceedings in the ring (below). Oliver truly does have a brilliant wrestling mind. Unfortunately, he now chooses to use it to further the cause of rulebreaking.

amassing his own stable. But it couldn't last. It was doomed from the start.

"Hah, and you idiots believed me," laughed Humperdink. "You honestly thought I'd want to associate with lice like Rhodes, that fat slob who can't even touch his toes? Or Barry Windham, a punk who'll be sweeping floors in another couple of months? Or Jack Brisco, a bum, a has-been, a coward?"

"Ah, you guys are fools. I had this planned from the very start. I always knew what I was gonna do. I went into Rhodes' house and knew the slob would think I was on his side, that I was really sincere about acting as his valet. But I only did it to spy on him, to go through his files, to look into his private record room and get as much information as I could.

"That's why I decided to rebuild my army with the men I finally selected. The Masked







Humperdink is moving quickly to restore his dominance in the Florida rulebreaking society. In addition to securing the contracts of The Assassins, Oliver has penned Sgt. Jacquet Goulet and is negotiating with several others.

Assassins, #1 and #3. Especially #1. I know he's been itching to get at Rhodes' blubber for a long time now and I'm gonna give him all the opportunity in the world he wants. You can tell Dusty Rhodes his career is over.

"No man can stay alive with the Humperdink Army massed and poised to strike at his throat, though in Rhodes' case, it'll be a few weeks before we plow through fat around his neck and discover any veins.

"Yeah, you can tell Rhodes that we're comin' for him. You can tell him he better watch out 'cause the Humperdink Army is gonna squash that whale," roared Humperdink.

But Rhodes was more hurt

and angry at himself than at Humperdink.

"I trusted the man. Know how ticked I am at myself for allowing myself to be duped by Humperdink? Here I am, willin' to let by-gones be by-gones, willin' to take him into my friends, my circle, willin' to put aside all he's ever done and tried to do against me, and what do I get?" asked Rhodes, his arms spread.

"I get a declaration of war. I get betrayed. I get treachery. I get a knife plunged deep into my heart. Damned if I know why he did it. I guess some guys are just born bad. They can never change, they can never go good. They'll always be bad.

Humperdink's just a bad seed, a bum. Well, he won't get away with this. I'm ready for him and the Masked Assassin #1. I'm ready for both of 'em. They did a bad thing, gettin' me riled like this. I have a forgivin' nature, but this is pushin' me a mite too far. It's all over for them as of now."

Humperdink, with the Masked Assassins securely placed as North American tag team champions, shook his head in detached pity at Rhodes.

"I almost feel sorry for Rhodes," he said, shaking his head. "His career's over. Everyone knows that. We're just gonna give him another nudge into retirement. Hey, that's doin' the world a public service." □

# Tommy Rich Begs His Fans

# "TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT... AND I'LL DO IT!"

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BRAD McFARLIN



**H**E WANTS TO put the past behind him. It is another time, maybe even another life for Tommy Rich. While he'll always discuss the whys and whens of that sordid part of his career, Rich is eager to make amends, to create a new era, a new beginning.

And he's starting at the source of his fame. The fans.

"I will never again not listen to the fans," said Rich. "My fans have brought me where I am today. It was really silly for me to ever do what I did and not listen to them.

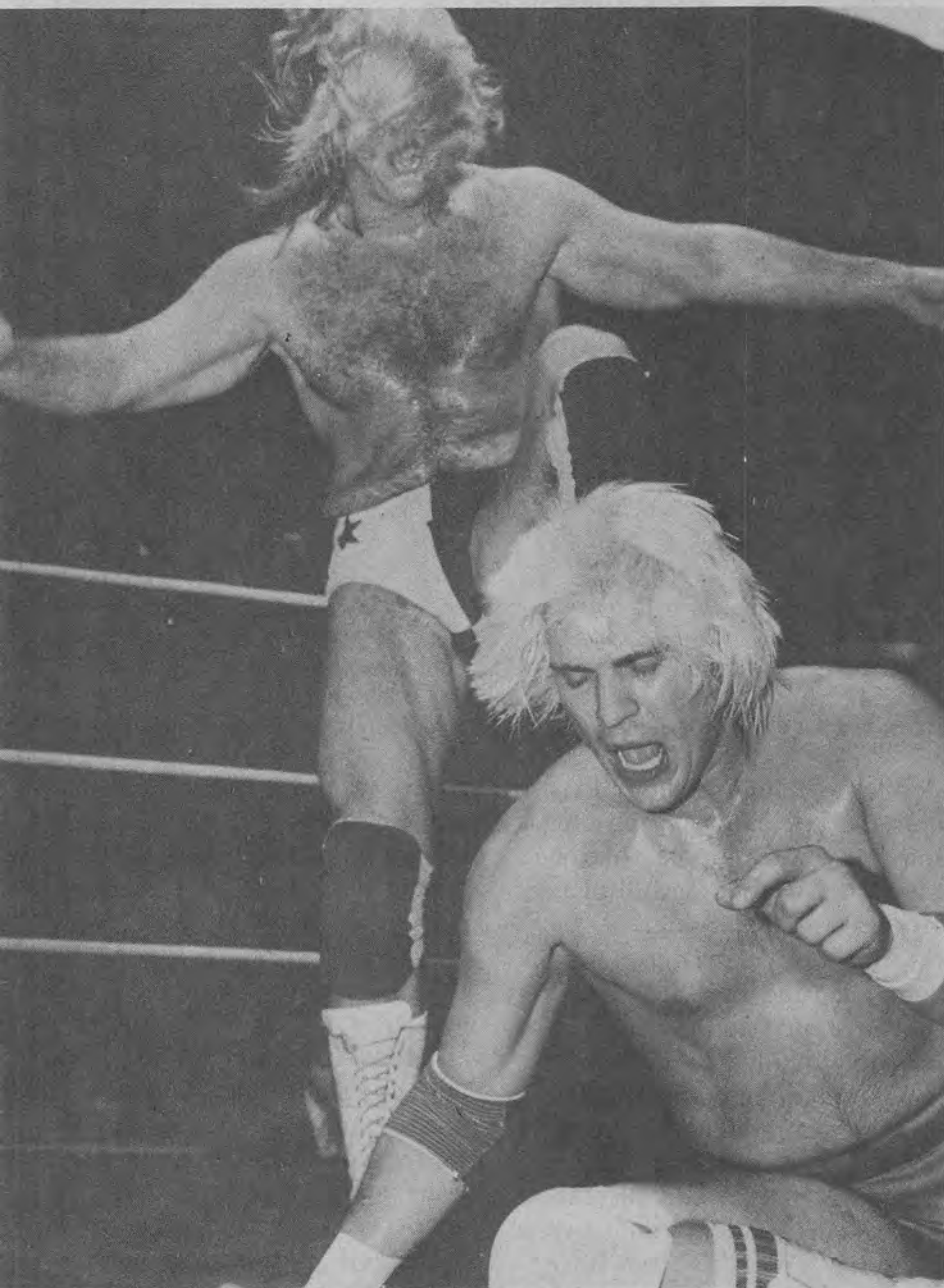
"But I want to put all that behind me. Right now, at this exact moment in my career, I will do what they want. If they want me to wrestle The Freebirds, one at a time, two at a time, all three at a time, then I'll do that. If they want me to go after Race and the NWA title, then I'll do that.

"I've said this to my fans time and again and I want to say it one more time, tell me what you want . . . and I'll do it."

Since his return to Georgia, Rich has zeroed in on the bizarre, vicious, always unpredictable Freebirds. Not that Rich is any way discriminating about which



Eager to make amends for his past and eager to please the fans in any manner, Tommy Rich has offered his career to the fans. He will do what they say. He will wrestle the Fabulous Freebirds. He will wrestle Harley Race. Anything the fans want, Tommy Rich will do



Tommy Rich takes a beating from Freebird Michael Hayes during a singles encounter. But once the fans start urging Tommy on, he becomes consumed by new-found strength and will to win.

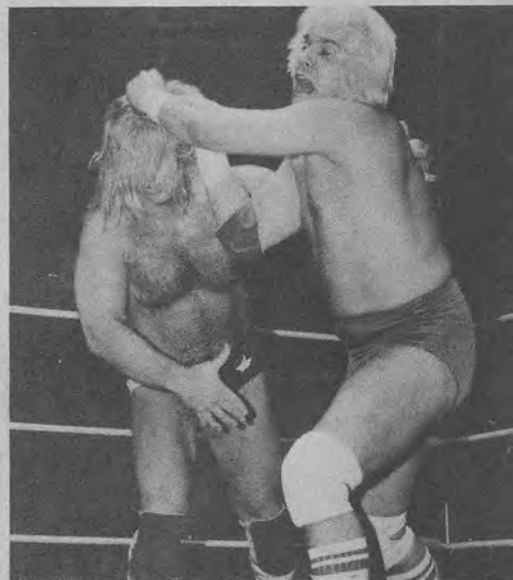
Freebird he wants.

"I want 'em all," snapped Race.

Either the head of Terry Gordy or Buddy Roberts or Michael Hayes would satisfy Rich.

"They're all bums," he said. "Oh,

they got different bad things about them which drive me crazy and make my blood boil. And I wouldn't be happy with just one of them. But I'll take them on one at a time. Or all at a time, if the



Tommy makes Hayes regret his long hair as he flings him painfully across the ring (above). Hayes looks dazed as Rich runs him into the turnbuckles (below).



fans want."

What is it about The Freebirds which drives Rich to such hate and determination?

"The fans don't like them," he responded. "I've been all over Georgia and the fans tell me what kinda nuts they are, how they cheat, how they make fun of other



Rich considers Hayes a whining sissy with a big mouth. But he does not deny that the blond possesses a great deal of wrestling skill. The Freebird applies a side headlock (above left) and follows with a variation of The Sheik's Camel Clutch, Georgia style (above right).

wrestlers and threaten people and cause havoc and the like.

"I think Hayes is a crumb, a whining little sissy who doesn't know when to shut his mouth, and Gordy is a moron, and Roberts has cartilage inside his head, nothing more.

"Now all this just isn't based on what fans tell me, but what I can see and experience. And I just don't like what they're doing to this fine state. I don't like any wrestler hassling the fans or ignoring them or calling them names. I'd sooner have the wrestler call me names than pick on a fan. But the result will be the same.

"The Freebirds will be driven plumb into the ground when I get finished with them. And if that's what the fans want, then I'll do it."

What about Race?

"Man, have you ever seen such a

slob for a champion? I don't know how the guy can even button his shirt anymore. Looks like he's carrying a warehouse full of beer around for safekeeping.

"Again, my fans have written and called me and said how they think I should go after Race. The fans don't really like the way Race conducts himself in the ring. He's a cheater and he doesn't deserve to be champion of the world."

Doesn't Rich recall his earlier frustrations at attempting to wrest away the NWA title from Race?

"It's a lot different now, I'm a different man. I've grown up. I have more patience. You know, back a while ago, I'd get real ticked off if I ever had to wait for anything. It could be the easiest, most simple thing in the whole world, and still I'd get upset.

"Like I could be in a super-

market, waiting to check out my food and maybe the line is kind of dragging and the checkout girl is chatting with a friend. It used to be I'd get all bent out of shape and angry.

"But I've learned to control my impatience. I learned that in life, you've got to wait for all good things and some things take a little longer than others. And it isn't healthy and good for you to get all twisted about small things. You've got to save your strength for the the things in life that really matter.

"So I've put down my priorities and found out what really counts to me and I've realized that what really matters are the fans and my career. All else doesn't amount to a hill of beans in this crazy world. So all the fans, just tell me what you want. I'll be more than happy to oblige." □





# THE SAD WORLD OF CRUSHER BLACKWELL

**Beneath the grinning exterior lurks a well of sadness. It is not easy being Crusher Blackwell. It is not an easy life. To get through each and every day, Blackwell must fend off the tenacles of loneliness and despair. He tries as best as he can.**

**But it is not easy**

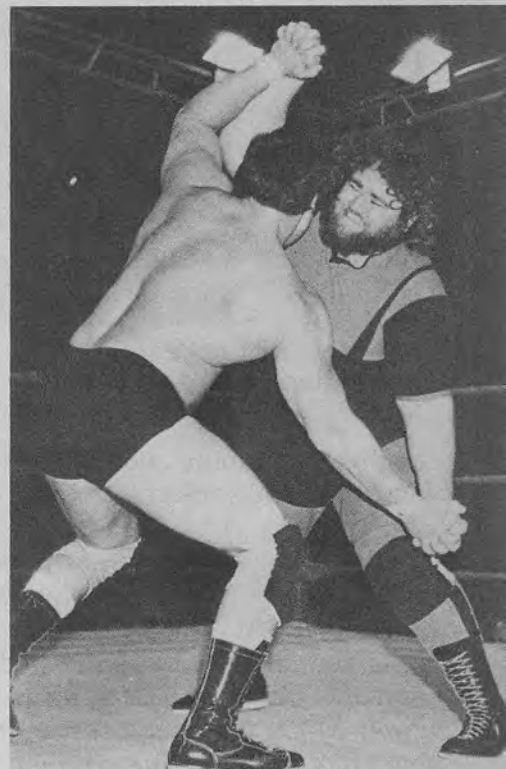
**I**T ISN'T EASY being Crusher Blackwell. Oh, I imagine all you fans think he leads the glamorous life, the constant public acclaim, the big bucks, television appearances, a table in any restaurant he wants.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. The world of Crusher Blackwell is a lonely one, filled with pain and anguish, with disappointments, with one man's courageous, solitary

struggle for acceptance in a world intent on rejecting him.

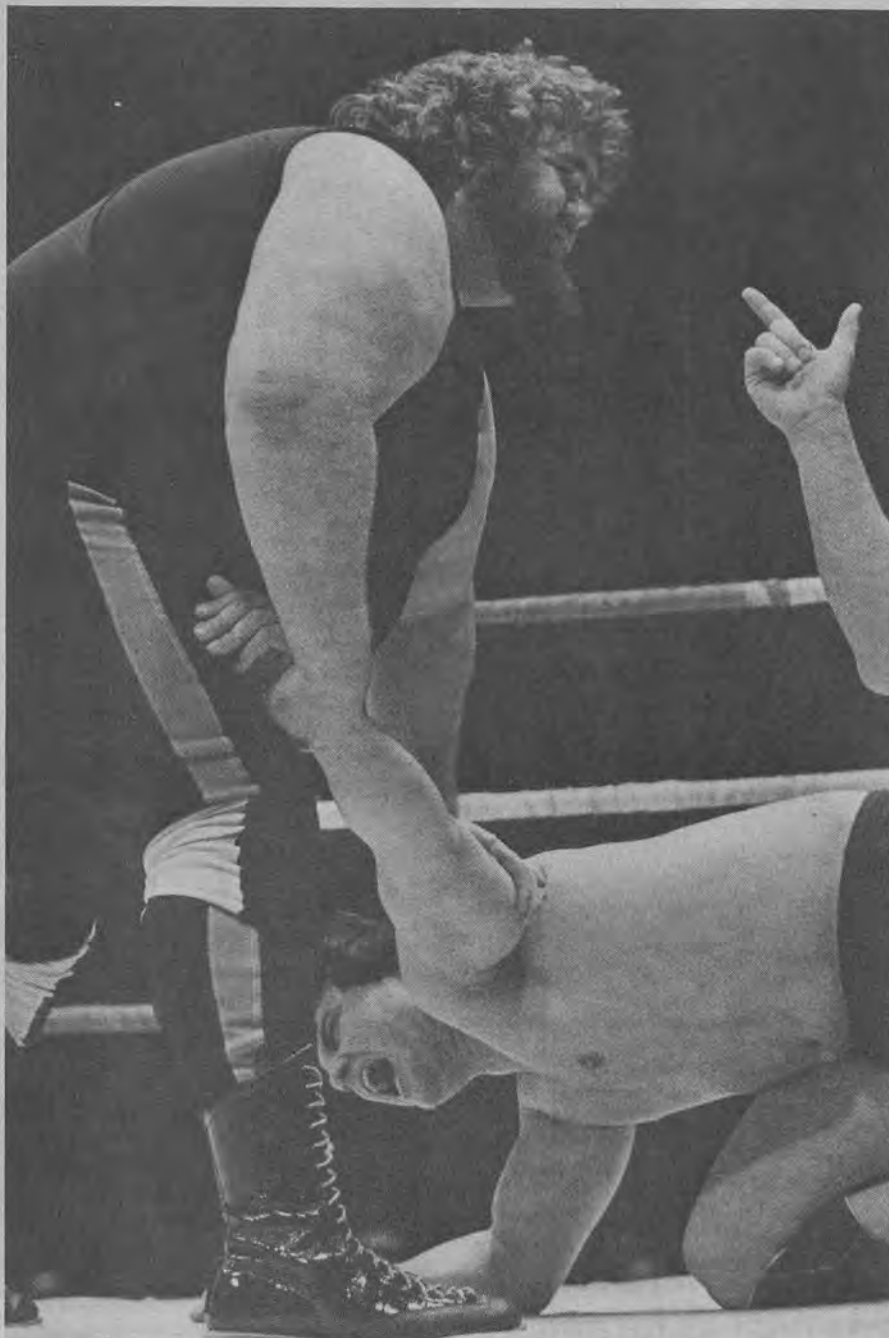
Take his public image, for instance. Of course, Blackwell has no one else to blame but himself for the public perception of him as a cruel, ambitious man capable of the most evil tricks imaginable to gain his goals.

Maybe so. But what happens to Blackwell as a result of this? We decided to follow Blackwell on a typical day, a day which



Top: Blackwell has to walk all the way to the arena because all the mechanics in town refuse to fix his car. Above: Blackwell finds peace with himself only through the violence of his profession.

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Everybody seems to be against Crusher Blackwell. His armlock on Ron Ritchie is perfectly legal, yet the referee still points a finger of warning in his face. Blackwell's track record for following the rules is not very good.

begins as many do, in the morning, and ends at evening, in the arena.

Blackwell awakens early, a habit borne of his farmboy childhood. At 6:30, Blackwell rolls out of his king-sized bed and onto the floor. Picking up the lamp which fell as the result of his feet hitting the ground, Blackwell trudges into the shower. Not your usual shower, mind you. More like a swimming pool, specially designed to meet

his needs and one that cost thousands of dollars.

Requiring two bars of soap to wash his huge body, Blackwell finishes his shower and prepares breakfast. Once, Blackwell ate out every morning. But local waitresses complained about carrying the heavy trays of food. So Blackwell doesn't go out much anymore. He stays in, and dines alone.

Blackwell eats 15 eggs, a pound of bacon, a loaf of whole

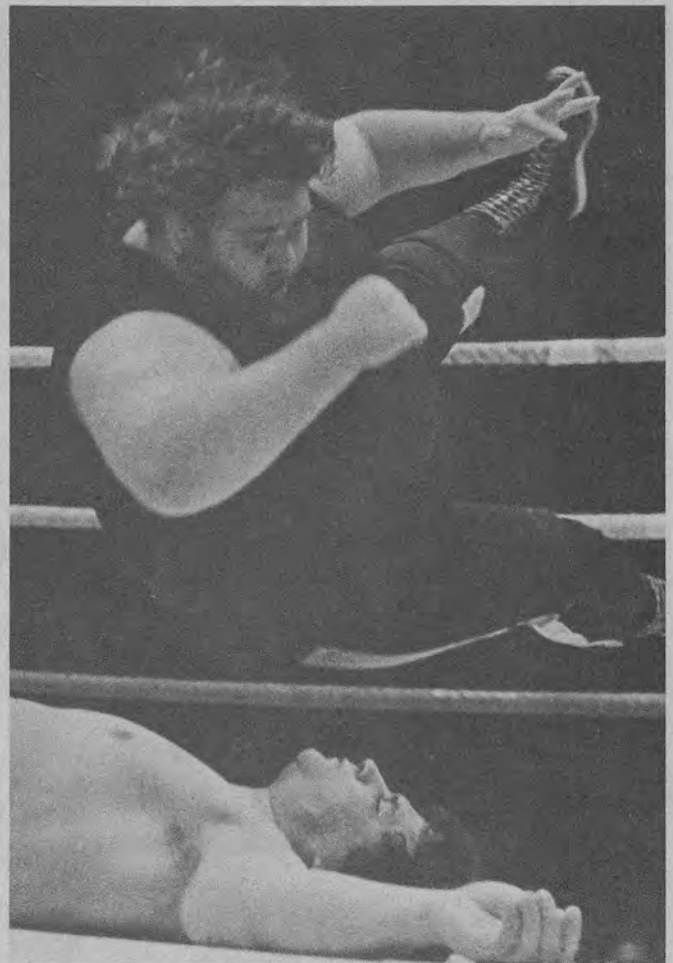
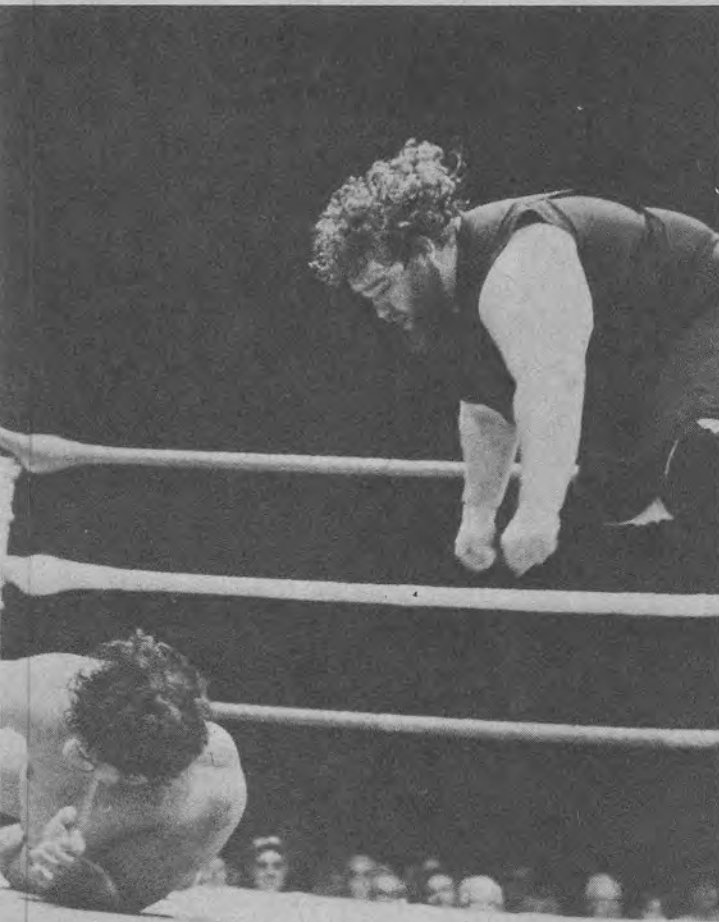
wheat bread, and a half-pound of butter. His breakfast takes nearly an hour to eat.

Blackwell dresses, specially tailored clothes from Roger of Winnipeg. These cost a pretty penny also. He enters the elevator. Two people recognize him and get off at the next floor. Another, so stunned by the presence of this infamous rule-breaker, freezes against the far wall and stays inside as Blackwell exits.

Once, Blackwell would stop off in the playground. But children refused to play with him anymore. The one and only time Blackwell used the see-saw, the child on the other end flew 10 feet in the air and landed head-first in the sandbox. Fortunately, he wasn't hurt. Still, neighborhood parents petitioned the parks commissioner to bar Blackwell from the playground. So now, as always, he pauses at the fence, watching the little children look up at him and run away. He sighs and waddles forward.

Blackwell once had a car. But he made the mistake of bringing it for repairs into a shop owned by a Crusher fan. After an especially brutal Blackwell-Crusher match, the mechanics refused to repair the auto anymore. Soon all the local mechanics refused to repair Blackwell's car. Persistent, Blackwell tried to repair the car himself, but got stuck in the trunk reaching for the toolbox. Police, mindful of Blackwell's reputation, took their time getting him out. So now his car lies disabled, the back end permanently sunk low to the ground. Blackwell takes cabs, when they pick him up. Buses, when the drivers open their doors. He has no friends so he can solicit no rides. At times, Blackwell must hitch, but a tractor trailer tried to run him over. So Blackwell walks, as he





Above left: Blackwell brings nearly a quarter-ton of weight into the ring, and he uses it to his fullest advantage. Above right: Doctors feared Blackwell punctured one of Richie's lungs with this maneuver. Below: Crusher raises his arms in victory, but the fans want no part of him.

does this morning, though the arena is miles away.

He dresses in silence, even fellow rulebreakers shirking him. But Blackwell doesn't complain. He wants Verne Gagne's AWA title and accepts the pain of his ambitions. At least, it seems that way on the surface. As Blackwell walks down the corridor and into the arena, the imperturbable exterior crumbles. It shakes at the first angry fan screaming. It rumbles at another fan yelling at Blackwell. It shatters when the screams become a chorus and explodes when the cocophonous disapproval bombards his corpulent frame with unrelenting contempt.

Blackwell pauses, shakes his fist, shouts back, and refuses to be intimidated. He has this goal, you see. He wants something

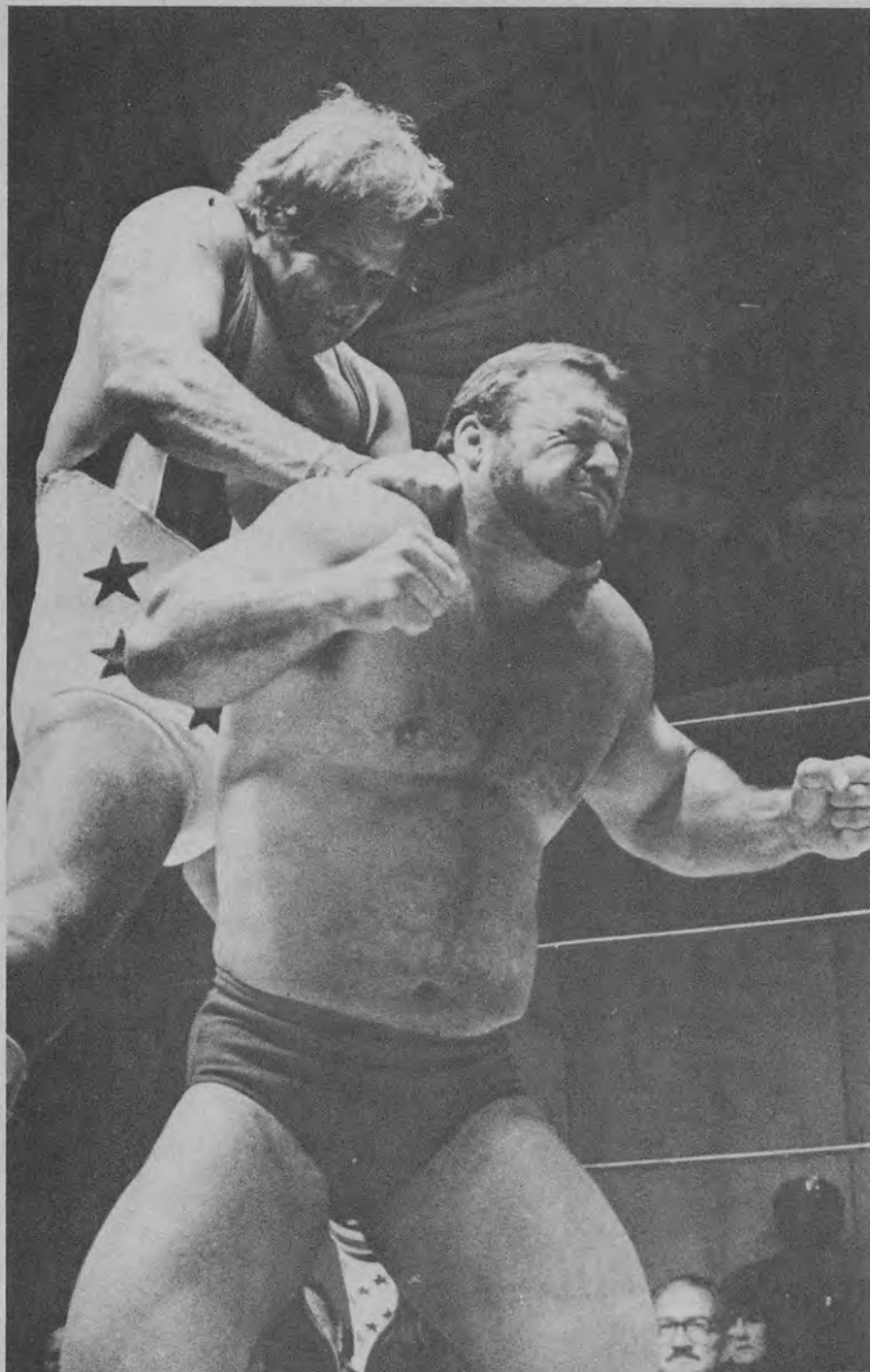


very badly, you see. But upon that bearded face lies the shadow of puzzlement. He cannot understand why he must be so sad, why he must be so lonely, why mere ambition must exact such a fearsome price.

And as Blackwell lumbers into

the ring, one can detect the glimmer of a tear in his sad brown eyes. Maybe this is the way it should be. Maybe Blackwell has no other choice.

Or perhaps, the world has given Jerry Blackwell no other choice. □



Terror is written all over the face of Ivan Putski as Bob Roop uses a painful nervehold to try and subdue him.

**A**LARM IS MANIFESTED in many different ways. It changes from person to person, from situation to situation, from dream to dream. When Bob Roop entered the pro ranks 10 years ago replete with credentials as NCAA wrestling champion, the world of pro wrestling seemed just another trivial empire for him to conquer.

In that time Roop has *never* won a federation title. He is not even classified as one of the leading contenders. That is surprising, especially when one considers his native skills. If it is surprising to the fans, it is devastatingly terrifying to Roop.

Now the terror has turned into panic. Cold, naked panic. The years are rushing by, the waters are carrying his splintered dreams out into the hungering vastness of the sea of defeat.

The time has come for Roop to re-evaluate his position. He has seen it, has been bewildered by it, and now is scared.

The absolute war between Roop and Ivan Putski is a perfect example of the former NCAA champion's fear. He was not

# THE ONE MAN BOB ROOP MUST BEAT

**In his amateur days, Bob Roop was the golden boy who could do no wrong. As a professional, his career has been an erratic history of splendor and cruelty. It has also been without a major championship. The problem doesn't lie with fate but within the complex Roop himself**

ready for Putski. His timing was off. He should not have wrestled Putski. At least not so soon after coming back to Florida. But he did.

The result was predictable. Roop's tantrums led to his disqualification. He might have lost anyway, but when he saw one more element of failure materialize, he lost all aspect of self-control. He went berserk.

"I took the match because I can beat Putski. I am better than he is," Roop explained haltingly through the frustrations which shook his large frame. "I am so damn talented and yet I haven't

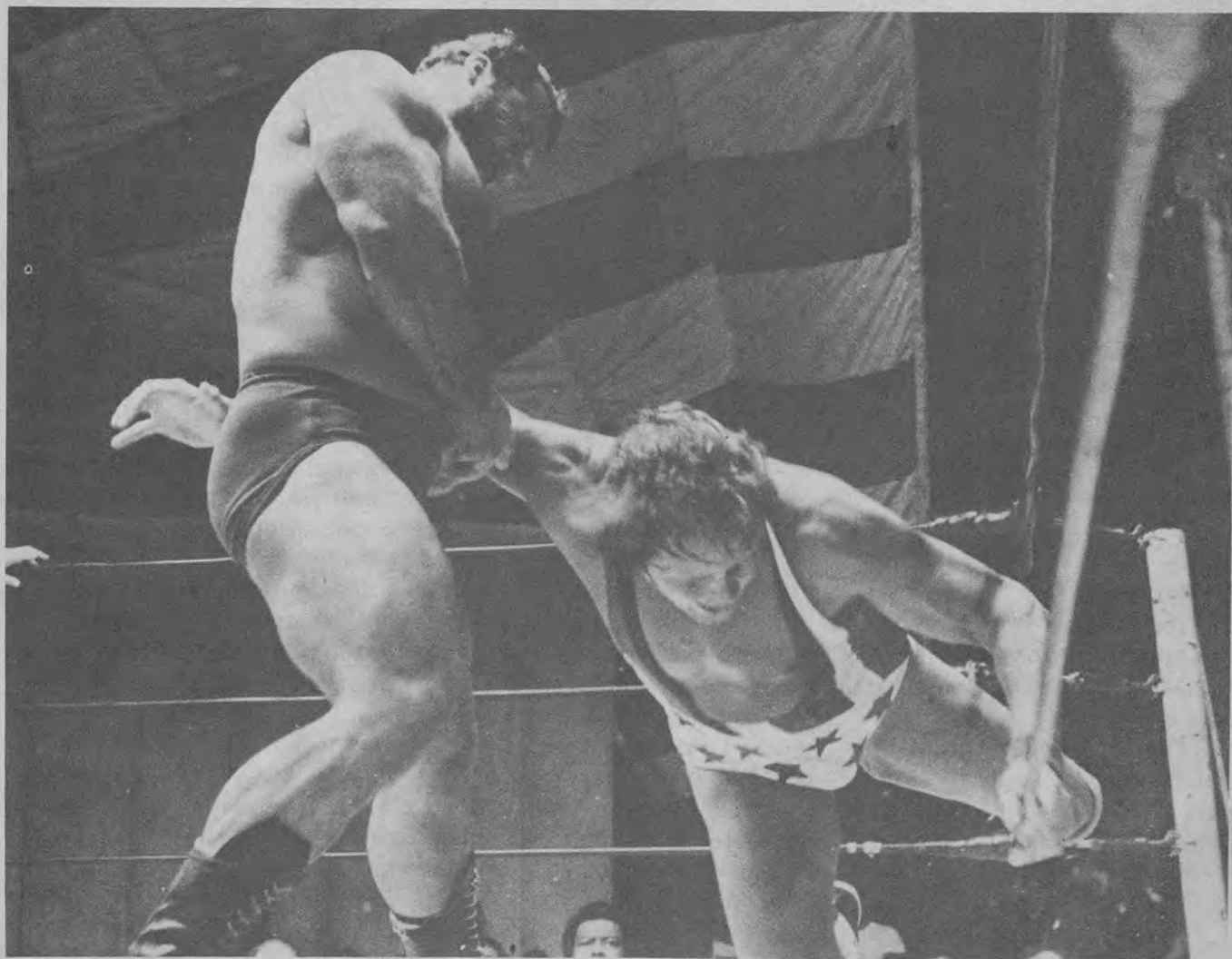
won the title yet. I'm doing something wrong, but I don't know what.

The panic prompted this impatience. It becomes a suffocating nightmare, this sensation of impending failure. The more one tries, the less likely are the chances for success. And then you begin pressing, begin worrying, and then you can no longer think straight.

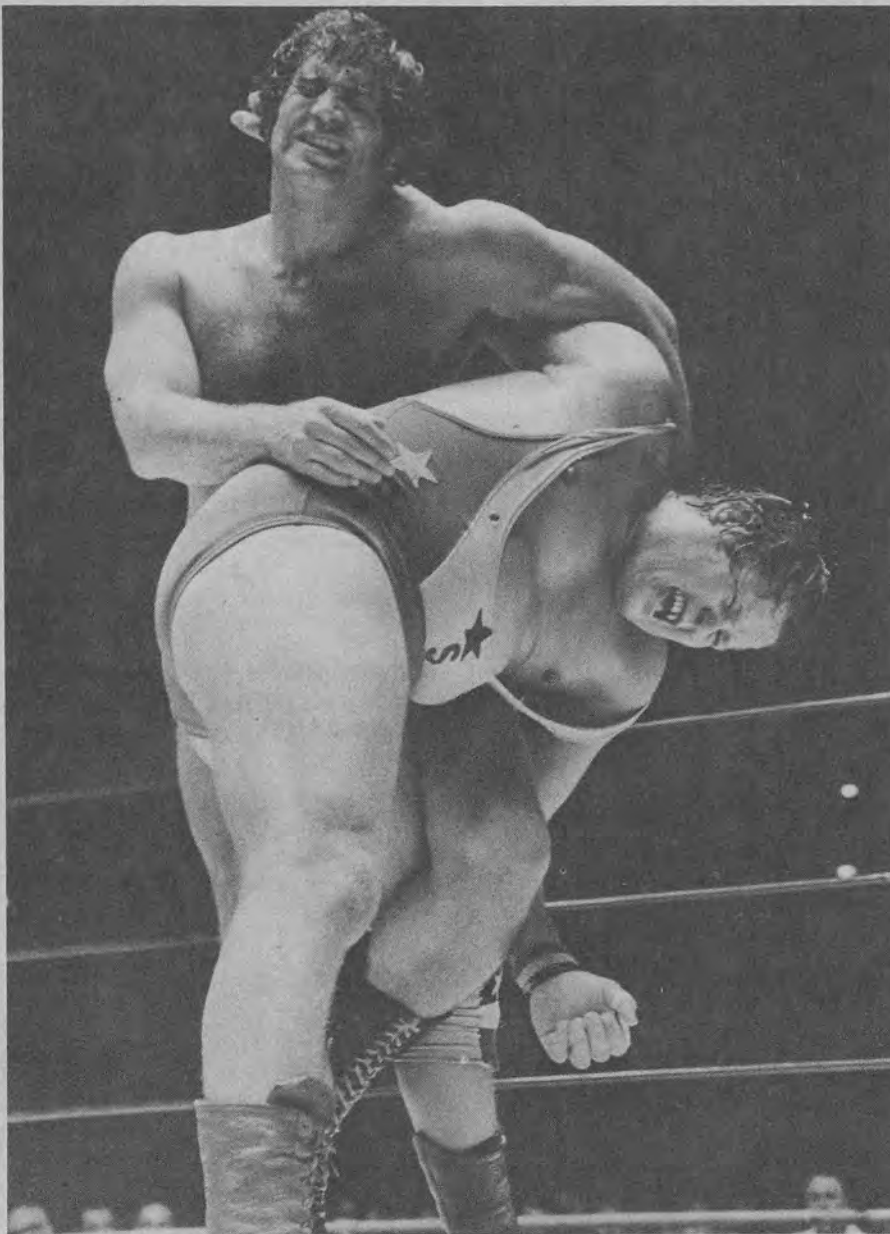
"Look man, I whipped Backlund when we were in the NCAA together," Roop said. "I pulverized him. I am far superior



Many matches have seen Bob end up a bloody mess (above). It was obvious he was not at his best against Ivan (below).



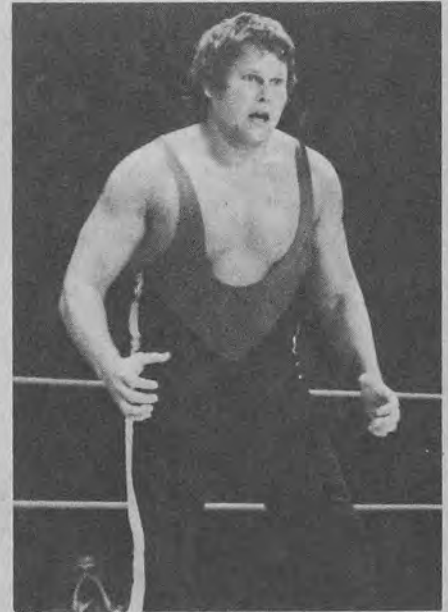




A well executed abdominal stretch by Jack Brisco has Roop screaming in pain. Roop has a career that has been the subject of much controversy. It is said that if Bob wants to win a real title, he will have to change some of his habits.

"Ten years of watching inferiors win belts. Know what that does to a man's insides? Eats them away and leaves you with nothing, man, nothing but frustration."

Roop's personality certainly doesn't evoke immediate sympathy. He is a rude, obnoxious man. But despite that, we still feel a little sympathy for him. We are only human.



He does have skill. He does have courage, stamina and a number of formidable scientific maneuvers to complement his rulebreaking tactics. There is no logical reason why he isn't a champion. Unless . . .

Unless Bob Roop is doomed to be one of those men forever wrestling himself. Perhaps he is incapable of overcoming this flaw. He has seen the seed of panic sprouting within him. He watches helplessly as the seed grows into fright. All his actions are designed to destroy the tree, yet they only seem to spur it to greater and more stifling heights.

"Maybe I should just lock myself away for a week and think. There must be a way out of this. I know I can be champion. I know it, dammit, I know it." Bob Roop pounded his fist into his palm. □

to him yet he's champion. Why? Tell me how that is huh? Give me a straight, up-front answer why lesser men are champions and Bob Roop isn't."

If Roop needed proof, his clumsy match against Putski was there for analysis. Yet it wasn't a case of defeating Roop. He has reached the stage where he is his most dangerous foe.

"I think too much out there

and then suddenly, pow, my mind goes blank and all I do is act out of animalistic instincts. Then I can't do anything right.

"It's not like I don't have talent. I got that in spades, baby. But I'm completely out of my rhythm. Nothing seems fluid anymore. This match against Putski was a mistake. I should have waited. But for how long, how much longer can I wait?

# THE VIOLENT CLASH OF LUST AND BEAUTY

Once again, two savage beauties clash in a match of unparalleled brutality. There is a great deal at stake for these two lovely ladies. Either they succumb to ambition, or to each other. And from their relentless thrusts and uncontrollable passions, they will surely never quit



Shani's lush body is stretched taut as she desperately fends off Delius' savage attack. The brunette's nails are like talons as they rip into the soft flesh of the blonde's lovely face. The match is only minutes old and already it has turned into a wildcat war.

THE SIX JUDGES listened carefully, every so often scribbling some notation on their pads. Shani's fingers moved swiftly along the violin's neck. Her bow caressed the strings. The music she made filled the arena.

This was the most important moment of her young life. Since the age of three, Shani had devoted her entire life to the violin. Now, she was auditioning to enter a prestigious Boston music school. It was the most important moment in her life.

After what seemed like an eternity, Shani completed "Evening of a Bunny" by Adrian Leverkühn. The piece was perfect to show off a violinist's virtuosity. The six judges thanked Shani and told her she'd be notified soon. There was nothing in their voices that gave Shani a hint as to what they thought Shani was no more than 20 feet out the door when she

started to sob. Crying was the only way to release so much tension so quickly.

Three days later, Shani was crying again. The judges rejected her. They informed the candidate she could try again next year. Over 25 percent of this year's students failed in their first audition, the letter consoled. Shani never read that far. Tears welled up in her eyes when she read the rejection. She couldn't see anything else.

For about a week, Shani wallowed in an intense depression. She spent most of her day lying in bed, trying to sleep. It was the first week in 17 years in which she never touched her violin.

After the first week, Shani's sorrow turned to anger. She found herself walking around in a black rage. She could stand no one's company. On the violin, she only played Ashenbach's "Anti-Eroica" Etude, a scathing work

condemned in the composer's lifetime as being heretical. Still, there was a rage that couldn't subside.

One night, Shani decided to get vicious drunk. She went to McTeague's Tavern, known as one of the five best drinking bars in the Boston area. As she walked in, a gnarled old man stumbled out. She went up to the bartender and ordered, "Give me a double of whatever he was drinking."

Three doubles later, Shani noticed the room was spinning. She decided she liked spinning rooms. A pleasant looking young man sat down next to her. He was spinning, too. She asked if she could buy him a drink. He thanked her, promising to buy the next round.

There was no next round. Shani downed her fourth double of the evening in a single gulp. She then decided to stand up and curse the



Her lithe body turned into a missile of sinew and flesh, Delius tortures her foe with practiced cruelty. The hapless brunette writhes in agony as she struggles to break the agonizing hold. Moments later, Shani was free.

judges at the music school. Standing up was as far as she got.

The next thing Shani remembers is finding herself asleep in her own bed. Besides a pounding headache, overwhelming nausea, and no strength, nothing was wrong. She weaved to the table where her purse lay. No money was taken and her keys were there. At that moment, she breathed a sigh of relief that she was still wearing the previous evening's clothes. A gentleman had taken her home.

That night, the phone rang. A man with a New England accent began, "Sorry I did something to make a bell ring. I hope your headache isn't too bad."

"I'll survive. Who is this?"

"I'm the good samaritan who took you home last night. I want you to know I've never behaved so honorably in my life. I guess there's honor among drunks. Besides yourself, who are you trying to kill?"

"What makes you think I'm trying to kill anybody?"

"I recognize the symptoms. I've tried pickling my rage more times than I can count. Even when things are going well, I sometimes feel the urge to get stupor stoned. For old times sake."

"Well, I suppose I can trust you. There are six rats who sank me. I'd like to tear off their heads and spit in their necks!"

The man laughed. "I hadn't heard that one since I left Texas. I assume there's no way you can actually get back at these guys."

"No way. So I tried to forget by getting drunk. It doesn't work. I'm still angry, but I'm also sick."

"I may be able to help." At this point, the young man identified himself as a singer-songwriter who had written a song currently on the charts. His career gave him access to the more exotic rewards of society. One of those rewards was being invited to apartment wrestling matches. He suggested Shani might wish to participate.





The women have become clawing animals as they recklessly tear at each other! Delius' fingers dig deep into Shani's neck while the brunette's hands tear at her blonde foe's hair. For all their beauty, they have no mercy.

Beating on another woman might just let out all the anger.

Shani listened with rapt attention. She felt the bloodlust well up inside her as the man spoke. To dominate another human being, to crush the strength from her body, this was what Shani wanted; this was what Shani needed. Excitedly, she begged the man to arrange a match.

A week later, the match was set. Shani went into training. All her anger, the brutal sense that controlled her waking hours, everything was now being channeled for a purpose. She wanted to destroy. This was her chance.

For an opponent, Shani drew Delius. Many spectators called her apartment wrestling's Jekyll and Hyde. Most of the time, Delius is a

shy, introverted woman. Her blonde hair falls free down to her shoulders. Her voice is barely louder than a whisper; it caresses the ear. Delius' figure is too lush to be called perfect, giving her vulnerability beauty usually doesn't enjoy.

In combat, she is totally different. Her cruelty is shocking. Reckless to the point of savagery, Delius appears twice her size



Above: Shani arches her back and tries to twist free from the relentless choking of her ruthless foe. Note the glee transforming Delius' face into a mask of evil. Right: Shani yanks and tears at her writhing foe.

punching, and twisting, the two women locked together. Somehow, they stayed on their feet, as if their warring was some savage dance.

Inevitably, the pair fell to the carpet. This time, Shani had the advantage. As they fell, the brunette grabbed her foe around the neck. Shani's long and powerful fingers, toughened by years of violin practice, dug deep into the blonde's neck. Delius' hands and legs jerked with rage and terror, trying passionately to break the hold. Her tongue lolled from her open mouth. Her gasps resembled the hollow echo of a death rattle.



during battle. Actually a petite girl, most spectators think of her as Amazonian. She was chosen to wrestle Shani because it would take a woman like that to survive the thwarted violinist's rage.

The night of the match arrived. Shani dressed in a flowered bikini, tying her curled brunette hair. Delius chose a pastel bikini and wore her blonde hair curly and cascading. They stood across from each other, not hearing the introductions. Their energies were marshalled for war.

The signal came. Shani rushed from her corner, her eyes wild with bloodlust. Delius sidestepped the rush, twirling at the last moment to smash her forearm into Shani's neck. Shani fell flat on her back. The room was silent save for the brunette's gasps for air.

Delius moved with expert

ferocity. One arm slid under Shani's neck, the other wrapped around the brunette's leg. With swift power, she drew her arms together, doubling Shani up. With her knees almost butting her chin, Shani was in agony.

The brunette grew desperate. She kicked and writhed like a lioness trapped in an ever tightening net. Suddenly, she stopped. An instant later, Delius released her grip. The blonde's face was contorted, as if holding back a yowl of pain. On the inside of her left thigh was a nasty red welt. Only Shani's nails, digging into the flesh, could have produced it.

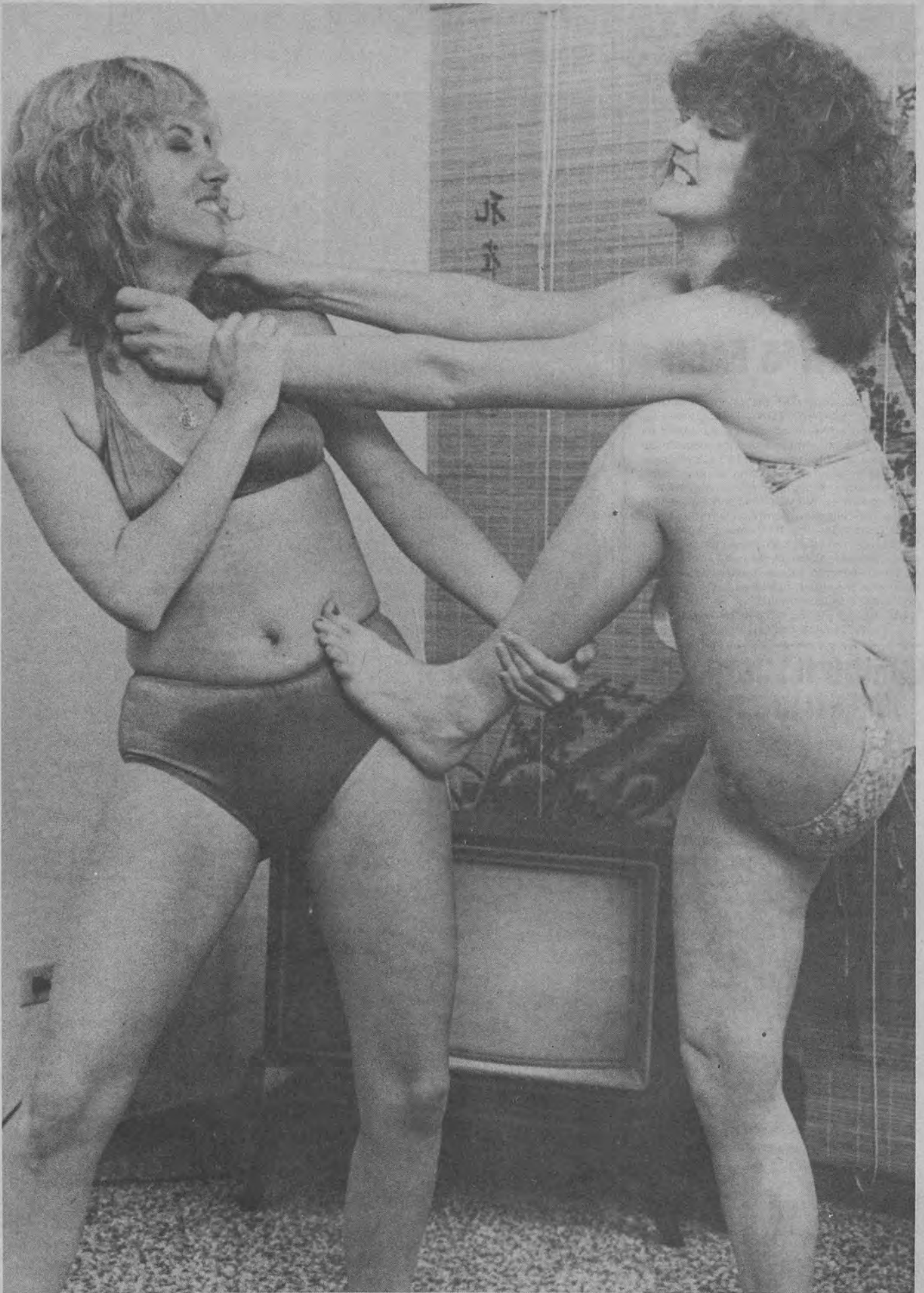
Instantly, the two women were on their feet. As if driven by some sort of extrasensory signal, they flew at each other in the same instant. Swirling, kicking,

Then, her eyes grew calm. Instinct triumphed over panic. Rolling her body into a ball, Delius then kicked hard. The balls of her feet smacked hard into Shani's chest. The brunette's face revealed her pain and shock. Her hands immediately released their death grip on the blonde's throat. Both women were free, but both were in pain. Desire would separate the winner from the loser.

Shani captured everyone's attention. Her eyes began to roll aimlessly in her head. Her arms involuntarily twitched, as if guided by some spastic demon. Animal grunts reverberated from her

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Delius surges forward with an offensive thrust, ripping at Shani's hair and planting a foot in her hip.



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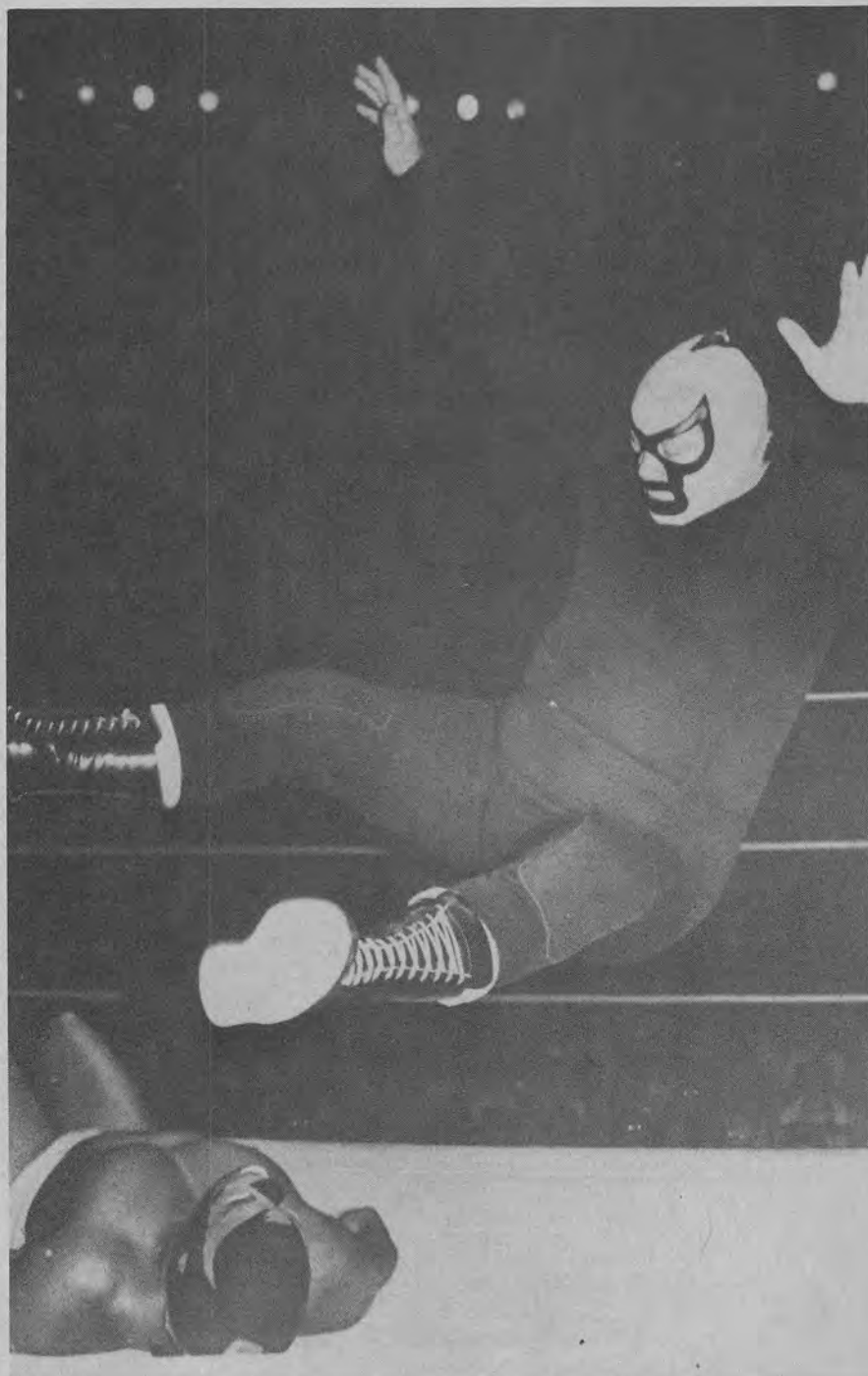
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**WRESTLER OF THE MONTH**

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With the speed and agility of a panther, Sugar managed to roll away from the dropping Masked Assassin #3. Sugar feels his victory is important for the image of masked wrestlers.

maneuvers in the sport.

"Aerial maneuvers are my favorite, obviously," said Sugar, grinning. "There is nothing quite like flying through the air. When you try an aerial maneuver, you're combining the very best of speed and strength and intellect."

Sugar credits another great masked wrestler for his own interest in this difficult aspect of professional wrestling.

"I always admired Mr. Mil Mascaras," he said. "From my viewpoint, I didn't think anyone in the whole darn world could

compare with Mascaras in terms of sheer skill. Maybe lots of fans think that flying through the air is simple. Well, let me tell you, it's not.

"You really gotta practice real hard and work on everything to get it down right. When you're talking about a pure strength move, if something goes wrong, you can always find another way to fall back or get out of it. But when you blow an aerial maneuver, then you look awfully foolish. And you can seriously injure yourself.

"Nothing could be worse to me than blowing an aerial maneuver. I never want to be embarrassed or humiliated. I don't even consider trying out a maneuver until I've done it a thousand times and am totally convinced there is no way on this planet that anyone is going to be able to stop it.

"That's kinda consistent with the way I view life. If you can't do something right, then don't even bother trying at all."

Sugar turns angry when discussing the Masked Assassins.

"Know how bad a rep they give all masked wrestlers by their cheap little tricks?" asked Sugar. "Man, they just embarrass the whole dignity of wearing a mask. When you wear a mask, you're telling the whole world that you're something special. But you just can't get out there and tell people you're special 'cause anyone can get up and say whatever the hell they want.

"Nope, you gotta show that you're something special, that you really do deserve the respect and trust of the fans. When fans can't see your face, they might think you can't be trusted. So you gotta show them that you're even more trustworthy than non-masked wrestlers. And that's why the deceit and all that garbage pulled by the Masked Assassins hurts me so.

"But, least I'm champion now," Sugar concluded. "I don't care how many assassins they throw at me, I'm not gonna let them get that title." ☐

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**JANUARY 1952 Boxing**—Pep vs. Saddler, Gans vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane, Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts  
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**FEBRUARY 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Trouble with Boxing, Young Prospects, Tony Canzoneri, Bob Fitzsimmons, Rocky Graziano, Unusual Incidents, Predictions for 1952, Willie Lewis vs. Sailor Burke, Ratings (Marciano Fighter of Month), Tex Rickard Story  
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**OCTOBER 1952 Boxing**—Highlights (Walcott vs. Charles, Carter loses to Salas, etc.), Lauro Salas, Stanley Ketchel, Irish Champions, Chuck Davey, Max Schmeling, Ratings, Joe Miceli, Strange Experiences, Willie Pep tells about his loss to Sandy Saddler, Boxing Medicine Man Dr. Nardiello  
**Wrestling**—Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of the Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne \$25

**MAY 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Danny Nardico upsets Jake LaMotta, Rocky Castellani beats Tiger Jones), Kid Gavilan kayoes Chuck Davey to retain crown, Roland LaStarza tops Rex Layne, The

Dundee Brothers, Baltimore's Great Fighters, Saga of John Morrissey, Tommy Loughran, Ratings, Middleweight Muddle, Charlie White

**Wrestling**—Fred Curry, Elvira Shodgrass, Matches of Month, Great Togo, Ruffy Silverstein, Trading Holds, Record of Buddy Rogers, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$30

**DECEMBER 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz  
**Wrestling**—Bob Orton, Matches of Month, Cowboy Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

**FEBRUARY 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Choynski, Jack Delany, Jack Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black Fighters Are Tops, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin  
**Wrestling**—Billy Varga, Ratings, Violet Viann, Verne Gagne, Speaks Out, Matches of Month, Sonny Myers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, How To Start A Fan Club \$25

**MARCH 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Kid Gavilan, Cisco Andrade, Eugene Crique, Ratings, Writer Dan Parker, Best Heavyweight Of All, Charley Powell, Young Griffo, Kid McCoy vs. Tony Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Quiz, Pedro Montanez

**Wrestling**—Gorgeous George, Matches of Month, Jack Witzig, Ike Eakins, Texas Tough Guys, Little Black Dynamite, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

**APRIL 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Archie Moore Blasts Marciano, Robert Cohen, Joe Choynski's Life, Strike By Managers' Guild, 'Boardwalk' Billy Smith, Ad Wolgast vs. Joe Rivers, Fake Fights, St. Nick's Arena, TV Fights of 1954, Paul Berlenbach, Quiz, Ratings \$25

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**Wrestling**—Hans Herman, Matches of Month, Strangler Lewis, One World's Title! Sky Hi Lee, Wrestling Whirl, Kamikaze Kinji, Hans Schmidt, Full Color Pin Up of Lord Blears \$25

**NOVEMBER 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Marciano Kayoes Archie Moore, Fights of Month, Willie Pastrano, What Made Dempsey A Killer? 'Bud' Smith, Yama Bahama, Joe Gans vs. Rufe Turner, Strategy, Tony Puleo, Great Trainers, Ratings, Johnny Dundee, Johnny Kilbane, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Riki Dozan, Matches of Month, Don Arnold, Colorful Characters, Hindu Wrestlers, Chris Tolos, Malcolm Brenner, Full Color Pin Up of Pat O'Connor \$25

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**Wrestling**—Why Women Wrestle, Wrestling Whirl, Bill Fletcher, Ivan Padubny, Bearded Wrestlers, Matches of Month, Art Michalek, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

**FEBRUARY 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Ralph Dupas, Young Otto, Willie Pep, Billy Conn, Nonpareil Dempsey vs. George LaBlanche, Joe Miceli, Boxing Lesson, I.B.C., Freddie Steele, Ratings, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Pepper Gomez, June Byers vs. Babs Wingo, Matches of Month, French Angel, Karl Davis, Best Rookies, Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

**MARCH 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Chuck Spieser, Isaac Logart, Ratings, Luis Firpo's Life, Raton Macias, Jim Jeffries vs. Ji Corbett, Tiger Jones, Boxing Lesson, Review of 1955, Frankie Genaro, Quiz

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**SEPTEMBER 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, 'Hurricane' Jackson, Will Marciano Fight Again? Mike McTigue, Bob Baker, Joey Giardello vs. Boxing Commission, Strange Anecdotes, Eddie Machen, Johnny Coulon, Paul Jorgensen, Terry McGovern vs. Oscar Gardner, Mike Gibbons, Ratings, Quiz, Letters  
**Wrestling**—Buddy Rogers, Whipper Watson Wins Title From Thesz, Art of Needling, Yvon Roberts (Part 2), Wrestling Whirl, Dot Dotson, Matches of Month, Dick Nelson, Questions & Answers \$25

**OCTOBER 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Willie Pastrano, Henry Armstrong's Life, Archie Moore, Jimmy McLarnin, Charley Joseph, Jim Jeffries, Jimmy Soo, Boxing Lesson, Kid Chocolate, Ratings, Quiz, Letters  
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## WELCOME HOME

I cannot even begin to describe or tell how happy I am that Tommy Rich has returned to Georgia. Like all his loyal, loving fans, I was deeply shocked and hurt by his change to rulebreaker. But, once Tommy understood the folly of his ways and returned to scientific wrestling, I, like all his other fans, rejoiced.

Now that Tommy has his head on straight, I hope he goes after those crumbs and bums who are trying to subvert Georgia wrestling. Mostly I'm talking about turncoat Kevin Sullivan. While I know Sullivan also turned his back on scientific wrestling and the fans, much like Tommy once did, there is a big difference between them.

And that difference is that Sullivan won't be missed because he's not a fraction of the man that Tommy Rich is and always will be.

VICTORIA PRYOR  
Atlanta, GA

## WHY NO STUBBS?

I have to level a complaint against your otherwise excellent magazine. Down here in Alabama we have a really great wrestler by the name of Jerry Stubbs. This guy has all the tools to be champion of the world.

Already, Stubbs has held the Louisiana heavyweight championship. And he has absolutely no fear whatsoever. He will take on any and all challenges. I have never seen Stubbs run from a foe, though I've seen him chase many a cowardly rulebreaker out of the ring.

Once again, I'd like to plead for a story on a great man, a fine human being and a future superstar, Jerry Stubbs.

ARNIE DRUCKER  
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## BREAK BOBBY'S NECK!

How long must WWF fans suffer through that lame wimp Bob Backlund as champion? Every time Howdy Doody

comes into the ring, I feel like throwing up. And I know all my friends feel the same way.

That's why we were all relieved to see Stan Hansen come into the WWF. As a tough man used to handling tough assignments, we're certain Stan Hansen will do the only noble thing and break Backlund's little neck.



Reader Steve Macko feels Stan Hansen could do wrestling a service by sidelining Bob Backlund, as he did to Bruno Sammartino several years ago.

Who can ever forget that wonderous moment when Stan Hansen broke Bruno Sammartino's neck? I thought it a grand night. And it's only a matter of time before Hansen rids the WWF of that wimp Backlund, breaks his neck, and permanently throws him and his stupid manager Arnold Skoaland out of wrestling and into the gutter, where they belong.

STEVE MACKO  
Bristol, CT □



Tommy Rich made a lot of fans very happy when he resumed his scientific wrestling style. Reader Victoria Pryor welcomes Tommy back to Georgia.

# The Inquiring Reporter

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anyone's gonna plop down a wad of cash to see a couple of squirts try to give each other a painful nuggie when they can plop down a wad of cash to watch two real gorillas like Andre the Giant or The Mongolian Stomper bash each other around the ring? Not me, that's for sure." *Ted Schreiber, Charleston, SC:* "Yes, because these junior heavyweights are primarily scientific wrestlers. They're faster and quicker and just smarter. I think wrestling is far too concerned with



Jerry and Jack Brisco are faster and smarter than the super heavyweights, according to Ted Schreiber.

pure brute strength and these guys, like the Brisco Brothers, wrestle the way wrestling should be."

*Candy Maldonado, Memphis, TN:* "I'd like to hedge my words by saying something should be created to see if they're worthy of such recognition. Why not hold a national tournament so that one winner could be declared? After gauging fan reaction and seeing if the quality is really there, everyone would be able to make a much more intelligent decision instead of speaking with the heart, rather than the mind." ☐

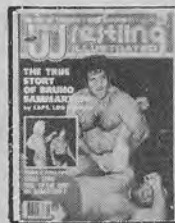
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it's been great working with him," said Brodie. "Know what separates Kerry from the other punks in wrestling? Kid's got guts, real lot of guts. He ain't gonna back off and he'd risk his life to save me if I was in trouble. Yup, any partner in the whole world would be mighty lucky to have Kerry on his side."

—James Washington



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**R**ICHMOND, VA—For Ray Stevens and Ivan Koloff, it was sweet revenge. For the former NWA tag team champions, Paul Jones and Masked Superstar, it was a crushing loss.

"I just can't believe it's happened," said a gloomy Jones. "It's one thing to lose the title. But to lose it to those two alley thugs, guys who belong in prison, well, that makes it only worse."

Koloff laughed at Jones' remarks.

"Had Jones been of any sort of caliber, perhaps he would still be champion," he said. "But he and Superstar are of such inferior quality that the only wonder remains why they were able to hold the belts for so long."

—Carl Salinger

**S**T. LOUIS, MO—Big John Studd has narrowed his entire life to one goal. He has trained for it. He has eaten for it. He has slept with it. It has become an obsession, something which drives him like nothing else ever has.

Studd wants the Missouri State title. He wants the champion, Ted DiBiase. And he won't be denied.

"He tried to kill me once and I won't forget that," snarled Studd. "He thought he could get away with that crap, but he's gonna be real sorry he ever tried that, real sorry till the day he dies."

Studd refers to that violent brawl in late February which chairs and tables were literally shattered.

"I wanted it clean, but the kid said no. He couldn't handle a clean match. He couldn't handle a fair match. He doesn't know the first thing about wrestling or the rules of life. Well, he shouldn't have started this feud but now I'm gonna finish him. Hah," snickered Studd, "DiBiase thinks he's gonna get Race's belt. Well, he won't live long enough to get that chance."

—Buddy Ford

**N**EW YORK, NY—Bob Backlund faces a real challenge. A cruel challenge. And many knowledgeable WWF observers are wondering if this could be the time he loses the WWF championship.

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destroying Backlund. His method?

"Brains and superior skills," said Muraco.

Ah, but Muraco neglected to add his fiendish maneuver, the Asiatic Spike. That cruel maneuver, the object of many banning attempts by local federations, could prove to be Backlund's undoing.

"I'm not worried," said Backlund. "I've faced a lot worse and survived."

—Allison Corey



### THE MASKED ASSASSINS

**M**IAAMI, FL—Florida wrestling fans and wrestling fans in general better take cover. Two masked maniacs, men with an unquenchable appetite for cruelty and savagery, have just captured the North American tag team title from Barry Windham and Manny Fernandez.

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## ANGELO MOSCA

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numerous titles, including the Georgia heavyweight championship which he recently lost to Mr. Wrestling II. He is a well respected wrestler throughout the NWA. Many lesser wrestlers shrink and quiver at the mere mention of his name. However Mosca's greatest challenge and problem may be fought outside the squared circle. It may eventually end in a United States Supreme Court, if it exists at all.

One man, a common, well-dressed businessman, is seemingly dedicated to one simple goal in life, according to Angelo. Do not allow Angelo Mosca to hold any championship belts. The motive is mysterious. The methods have been frightening and effective. Mosca is scared, angry, and fed up. The one man behind it all is a powerful wrestling official. Or at least Mosca thinks he is.

Mosca explains the complex details best. "Being from Canada, I always felt very comfortable wrestling in front of my people," Mosca said. "That's where this ridiculous thing started. Wrestling for a Canadian championship one night, I saw a plain looking man in the audience that was apparently studying my match quite closely. I thought nothing of it, of course. I won the championship, and planned on holding the belt for a long and fruitful reign. But this crackpot had different ideas. My first title defense was against a tough opponent, but nevertheless one I knew I could handle. Well, I was whipping this guy pretty good when all of a sudden the referee stops the match and quickly awards the match and the belt to my opponent. I caught the eye of that strange man on my way out of the arena. He saw me and began to laugh hysterically. He nearly rolled out from the aisle because he was



Angelo Mosca grabs the hair of Billy Robinson (above), ignoring the referee's warning. Mosca, a determined grappler despite his private fears of shadows and tormentors, jumps off the top rope elbow-first against his opponent (below).



laughing so hard. If he wasn't about 50 feet away, I would've gone after him. As it was, I figured he was just a looney.

"But when I left Canada and



began wrestling in the Mid-Atlantic area, things went batty. Two days after the plane landed and I checked in, I picked up a paper and I saw this article about an addition to the local wrestling commission. The guy was a well-known official. The paper ran a picture of him. He looked vaguely familiar.

"After I won a minor title in the Mid-Atlantic area, I saw the same guy at my first title defense. He was wearing a gray suit, a white shirt and a blue tie. He was sitting in the first row and his presence scared me half to death. After I lost the championship on a questionable ruling by the referee, I saw the guy laughing loudly again. I rushed at him, but he was well protected by several big guys in tight shirts."

Coincidence? Is Mosca imagining this whole story? Is he a paranoid wrestler insecure about his abilities? The latest episode of this macabre story offers further evidence supporting Mosca.

"The Georgia title was mine, and rightfully so. Then this ugly moron Mr. Wrestling II comes along, and anyone that knows anything about wrestling knows that he couldn't pick my nose, much less whip me in the ring. Well, he takes my title on some lousy technicality. Imagine, stripping me bare, using rulebook trivia in front of all my fans!

"My suspicions were fueled by an article in the paper the next day. The same madman who had been laughing at all of my matches had transferred from the Mid-Atlantic area to join the Georgia commission. I freaked out. The guy is set on destroying my career. If he's willing to travel throughout the country to watch me and take away my title on technicalities that he invents, he'll stop at nothing!"

Mosca is not sleeping well. Is he imagining these accusations or are they true? We'll let you decide. But if you see a man in a gray suit in the first row at Mosca's next match, and he starts laughing heavily when Mosca loses . . . ☐

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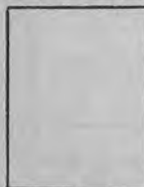
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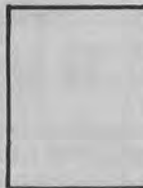
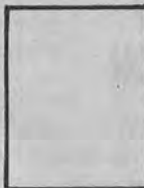
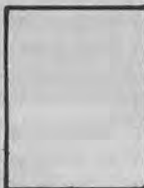
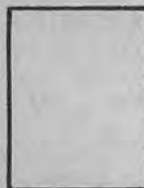
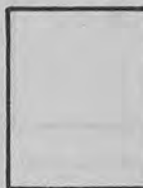
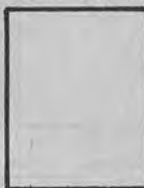
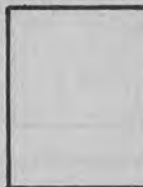
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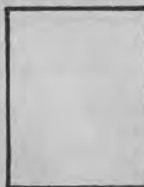
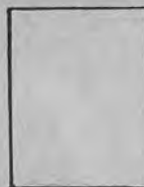
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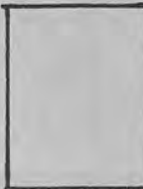
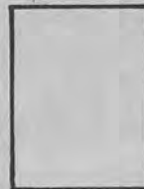
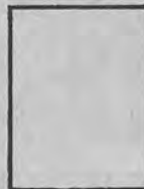
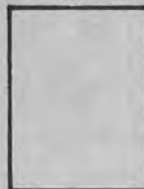
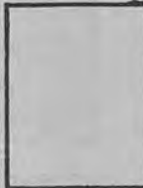
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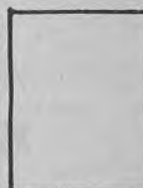
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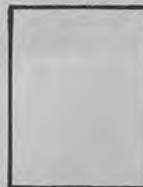
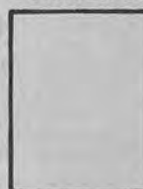
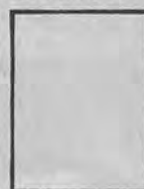
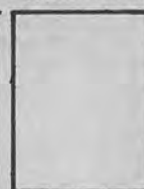
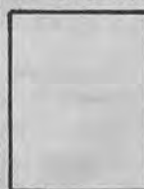
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# LUST AND BEAUTY

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chest. The rage and anger now consumed her. She was at its mercy, beyond any control. Only Delius appeared unafraid of this madwoman.

The blonde quickly went on the attack. She slapped Shani across the face. The brunette went stumbling back from the force of the blow. When she regained her

balance, the trembling had passed. She was now a vicious wildcat.

In one terrifyingly graceful leap, Shani speared her head into her foe's belly. Delius doubled over, stunned from the surprise assault. The blonde fell to the carpet.

Another woman might have surrendered. Delius, instead, went on the defensive, cleverly rolling



The two tempestuous beauties stumble across the carpet until Shani loses her footing. An instant later, Delius had fallen over her and was also sprawled across the carpet. The match was nearing its brutal finale.



and twisting, preventing Shani from putting her in a finishing hold. Delius was buying time with a veteran's genius. Shani, in her reckless rage, neither understood what was happening or comprehended how to prevent it. After a minute that seemed like an eternity, Delius was once again ready to be on the attack.

The blonde wasted little time. She grabbed Shani's arm and twisted it for all she was worth. The brunette spun like a top and fell to her knees. That was all Delius needed. She drove her knee hard



In wild desperation, Shani grabs at the blonde hair of her tormentor, hoping the pain will break Delius' stranglehold. The blonde is alive with victory fever.

into Shani's back. Then she grabbed Shani around the neck and bent back her head. One hand held Shani under the chin, the other was tangled in the brunette's curl, tugging and tearing at the hair. It was a brutal exhibition of wrestling ferocity.

Shani was far from vanquished. She writhed in pain, but her movements were directed by anger. Her mind searched for some way to escape. Her body tensed. A plan of action had formed. Then it happened. Shani pitched forward. Delius followed, tumbling head over heels. Shani was free.

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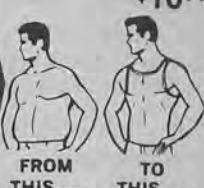
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# LUST AND BEAUTY

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Above: Shani, wild with victory lust, marshalls all her strength as she chokes her struggling victim. Below: In a last attempt at victory, Delius smashes her fist into Shani's belly. A moment later, Shani rolled to safety.

The brunette quickly went to work. Furiously, she beat her fists into the blonde's chest and belly. Delius twitched and writhed with pain, used her arms to cover her torso, but the merciless tattooing continued. With an animal yowl, Shani grabbed her victim by the hair and started pulling.

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Shani, electric with power, crushes the strength from her foe. Delius, though she knows she's conquered, refuses to surrender and accept the inevitable.

Then, Delius' body tensed. Using every ounce of strength she possessed, she grabbed Shani around the legs and tugged. Shani released her grip, stumbled, but did not fall. Delius, beaten but unbowed, stared up at her foe. Too weak to rise, she refused to surrender. Though her face was slack, her eyes sparkled with rage.

Shani approached her slowly. Both women knew the end was near, but the conqueror wished to prolong the inevitable victory. Shani allowed all the hatred she'd felt in the last weeks to surge through her body. Every muscle tingled with anger about to be released. Defiantly, Delius stared at her foe, daring her to finish the match.

Shani didn't see Delius. She saw the six judges. With all the might her rage possessed, she drove her heel hard into Delius' temple. The blonde was knocked unconscious. The match was over.

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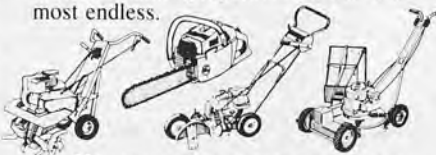
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